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OF  
ALLEN COUNTY, OHIO

AND  
REPRESENTATIVE CITIZENS

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**M**MEYERS, a leading grocer of Lima was born in German township, Allen County, Ohio, in 1858, and is a son of Jackson Meyers, one of the influential and highly esteemed citizens of this city. His grandfather was William Meyers, an early pioneer of Allen County, who settled here during the first years of the last century. Jackson Meyers was born in this vicinity 73 years ago and was one of the best known farmers in this section; some years ago he retired from active life and is spending the sunset of life in the enjoyment of the fruits of past industry. He served more than three years in the Civil War as a member of the 91st Regiment, Ohio Vol. Inf., seeing much active service and leaving two fingers on the battlefield of Bull Run.

Our subject received his schooling in the old West School Building of Lima, and then entered the service of the local street car company, driving the horses to the first car that made the run over the lines in Lima. He remained in this employment for three years and then secured a place as clerk in the grocery store of Beeman & Company. After remaining with this firm for about 14 years, Mr. Meyers purchased the stock from them and moved it from the old location at No. 141 North Main street to his present quarters at No. 124 East High street, where he carries a complete line of staple and fancy groceries. He is also a stockholder in the Superior Brick Company.

Mr. Meyers was married in 1881 to Ida Gamble, daughter of E. D. Gamble, a justice of the peace in Lima for many years. They have three children—Bess, Fred and Mary. The son is associated with Mr. Meyers in the grocery business and has a half interest in it. The family are members of the Disciples' Church.

**A**DAM C. LACKEY, a well-known stock buyer of Allen County, is also an agriculturist of more than ordinary ability, who owns two well-improved farms in Monroe township, one in section 22 containing 86 acres, and the other in sections 24 and 27, containing 77 acres. Mr. Lackey was born on his father's old homestead,

September 18, 1861, and is a son of William and Diadama (Hall) Lackey. The grandfather was Alexander Lackey, a Pennsylvania Dutchman, who died leaving two young sons, William and Alexander, both of whom came to Allen County. Alexander afterwards moved to Indiana, where he died.

William Lackey was born in the State of Pennsylvania, September 18, 1818, and was still young when he came to Ohio and located in Tuscarawas County. There he was married to Diadama Hall, who was born in Maryland in December, 1828. They lived in Tuscarawas County until after the birth of their second child when they came to Allen County; here they spent the remainder of their lives. William Lackey was a wagon-maker by trade and also a successful teacher, both in this and in Tuscarawas County; but in his later years he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits and was the owner of 110 acres of land in Monroe township. He was a man of deep religious convictions and an earnest worker in the Methodist Church. In earlier life a Republican, he later espoused the cause of prohibition and was a loyal supporter of that policy until his death. He passed away in the ripeness of age, having passed his 85th mile-stone when his summons came. His wife, who survived him about one year, dying October 31, 1904, did not quite reach her 76th year. Upright and honorable in all things, they reared their children to lives of usefulness and honor, inculcating those principles which have made the name of Lackey universally respected. The family consisted of nine children, viz.: John, who died when about 40 years of age, leaving a widow and six children; Martha Jane (Brown), of Lima; William Hall, of Michigan; Sarah (Wright), of Paulding County; Alice (Snyder), of Paulding County; James, also of Paulding County; Adam; Henry and one child that died in infancy.

Adam Lackey remained with his parents until his 23rd year, when he purchased 40 acres of woodland in Paulding County, living there for two years and clearing about 20 acres of it. Selling that property, he then purchased 66 acres in section 22, afterwards adding another 20 which he still owns, and upon which he








MR. AND MRS. SAMUEL O. RIDENOUR AND FAMILY





lived until 1902. Moving to West Cairo, he engaged in buying and shipping stock for several years, and then moved to his present farm where he is now engaged in general farming and in handling stock. Mr. Lacky is a Republican. He is a member of Bethel Grove Methodist Episcopal Church of which he is a steward.

In 1886 our subject married Emma Augsburg by whom he has two children, Jason Carl and Gale Juanita. Mrs. Lackey was born in Richland township, this county, January 1, 1862, and is a daughter of Louis and Margaret (Wise) Augsburg, both of whom were natives of Germany and came to this country with their parents.

AMUEL O. RIDENOUR, deceased, formerly one of the best-known citizens of this county, and the owner of a valuable farm of 90 acres in section 8, Perry township, was born in Allen County, Ohio, September 11, 1832, and was a son of Jacob and Catherine (Oats) Ridenour.

The Ridenour family is of German extraction and was established in America by Lewis Ridenour, the great-grandfather of our subject. He came to the Colonies prior to the American Revolution and assisted the Patriot Army in the capacity of a teamster. He first settled in Virginia, whence he removed to Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, and there engaged in farming until 1803, when he migrated to Ohio. He settled in Perry County, being accompanied by his wife and 10 children. He had seven sons and three daughters. His sons, all of whom served in the war of 1812, were as follows: Mathias, David, John, Jacob, Lewis, Isaac and Martin. Of these, David, John and Isaac came to Allen County and all settled in Perry township. David never married, but John and Isaac both reared families and their descendants to-day are numbered with the most prominent and reliable citizens of their various communities.

John Ridenour, the grandfather of Samuel O., was born in Virginia in 1785; he accompanied his father to Pennsylvania and subse-

quently to Ohio. In March, 1831, he entered a half section of land in section 5, Perry township. Here he cleared up a farm, on which he died in 1874, being survived by his widow until July, 1879. John Ridenour married Hannah Spahn, who was born at Hagerstown, Maryland, and accompanied her parents to Perry township. The children of this marriage were: Jacob, father of our subject; John, who died in Perry township; Mathias, of Paulding County, Ohio; George, who died in Perry township; Rebecca, deceased, who was the wife of Samuel Wollett; Hannah, deceased, who was the wife of J. L. Stevenson; Phebe, deceased, who was the wife of Samuel Wollett; and Amelia, deceased.

Jacob Ridenour, son of John and Hannah Ridenour, was born in Perry County, Ohio, January 14, 1809, and there learned the blacksmith's trade. In 1831 he came to Perry township, Allen County, and settled on the 80 acres of land acquired by his father, and on which Samuel O. Ridenour lived at the time of his death. Here, in the latter part of 1832, he established a blacksmith shop, and for many years carried on his trade in connection with farming. Politically he was a staunch Democrat, and always assumed a lively interest in public affairs. He served as township trustee, and performed his full share in the development of the section in which he lived. He was one of the original members of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, aiding liberally in its erection and serving as one of its trustees. His first wife was Catherine Oats, a daughter of William Oats, of Perry County, Ohio. She died in 1836, leaving three children as follows: Samuel O.; Jacob, who died from exposure while in the service of his country, as a member of Company K, 118th Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf.; and Catherine, who married Daniel Losh and died in 1860.

Jacob Ridenour's second wife was Mrs. Lovis (Mechling) Boyer. They had six children, namely: Rebecca, wife of William Verbryke; Phebe, wife of James K. Spear; Lovis, widow of Isaac Lehman, of Indiana; Emma, deceased, who was the wife of J. G. Barr; Knox P., of Dayton, Ohio; and John W., deceased.





Mr. Ridenour died November 9, 1879, his wife having preceded him in 1872.

Samuel O. Ridenour was reared from infancy to manhood on the old family homestead in Perry township. He passed his entire life here, and was always identified with the best interests of the locality. He was a man of public spirit, with modern ideas and methods, and became one of the substantial and representative men of the community. He owned 90 acres of the old homestead and, in addition to engaging in general farming, developed the oil-wells on his property and demonstrated them to be very remunerative. His improved farm was managed with modern machinery and scientific intelligence.

Mr. Ridenour was an honored survivor of the Civil War. He enlisted in 1864 in Company A, 180th Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf., which was assigned to the 23d Army Corps, under General Schofield. The last engagement in which he participated was at Kingston, North Carolina, after taking part in all the hard marching and fighting in which his regiment engaged. He was honorably discharged at the close of the war and returned to his home in Allen County.

In 1870 Samuel O. Ridenour was joined in marriage with Mary C. Sellers, a daughter of John Sellers. She died in 1875, leaving two children, viz: John F., now deceased; and Hattie, wife of Morgan L. Harrod. Mr. Ridenour married (second) Elizabeth Swinehart, daughter of Samuel Swinehart, of Perry County, Ohio, and they had two children, viz: Grover DeWitt and Samuel O., Jr.

Politically, Mr. Ridenour was a stanch Democrat and always upheld the principles of his party. He served as township trustee, clerk and treasurer and, by the efficient discharge of the duties of his office, merited the confidence reposed in him. In his religious views he was a Lutheran, and a valued member of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church. He was very liberal in his support of this church, being a man of marked charitable impulses.

The death of Samuel O. Ridenour occurred on his farm, July 23, 1902. He had almost reached the age of 70 years and had he not suffered from the exposures incident to the army life of the Civil War his years might still further

have been prolonged. Mrs. Ridenour still survives him and she, also, is a member of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church.

GROVER DEWITT RIDENOUR, who, with his younger brother, has charge of the homestead, was born on this place November 2, 1884. He was educated in the district schools of the neighborhood and has always made this farm his home. Samuel O., who bears his father's honored name, was also born on the family homestead, May 20, 1888, and still continues to reside upon it. Imitating their deceased father, the brothers have continued his progressive methods of conducting the agricultural operations, having also displayed energy and good management in the improvements which they themselves have made. They are young men who are thoroughly respected and can claim a very wide circle of friends in Perry township.

On a preceding page in proximity to this is shown a group of the Ridenour family, executed from a photograph later taken before the decease of Samuel O. Ridenour.

**F**RED E. HEROLD was born in Lima, Ohio, July 3, 1859, was here reared and educated and here has for several years occupied a prominent place among the leading business men. His father, M. Herold, located in Lima in 1853 and opened the first brick-yard conducted in the village. He was also engaged in the grocery business, having at the time of his death in 1870 one of the largest grocery stores in Lima. He was a public-spirited, whole-souled man and was ever found at the front in all movements which would promote the general welfare of the people of the community.

Fred E. Herold left school at an early age to begin the actual battle of life, securing work as a delivery boy in the store of James Langan. After being in this place a few months, he had the misfortune to be thrown from his wagon and have his leg broken, which necessitated an enforced retirement for a short time. When he was able to get around once more, he entered the Lima Business College for the win-



ter, when spring came, he obtained a situation in the dry goods store of Holmes & Brown, with whom he remained eight years. While here he had the satisfaction of washing the first plate-glass window used in Lima. In 1882 he opened a grocery store which he conducted until 1894, at the same time running a restaurant in connection with it. Mr. Herold has engaged largely in outside enterprises, and these have encroached so closely upon his time that he found it necessary to retire from the grocery and restaurant business in order to give the attention demanded by his other interests. In addition to extensive real estate holdings in Lima, Mr. Herold is vice-president of the McKibben Gas Engine Company; and is a stockholder of The Crystal Ice & Coal Company and The Lima Telephone & Telegraph Company.

In 1881 Mr. Herold was married to Lizzie Meyer, daughter of John Meyer, a druggist of Lima, now deceased. To this union one child, Minnie, was born. Mr. Herold is a member of the German Reformed Church and is also a prominent member of Lima Lodge of Elks, of which he is trustee.



L. WATT, one of the highly esteemed residents of Lima, now living retired in his pleasant home at No. 133 North Pierce street, can remember when this busy, populous city consisted of but a few scattering houses, not more than one or two being constructed of brick. He was born in this city, April 27, 1836, and is a son of Hudson Watt, once a very prominent citizen here.

Hudson Watt was the pioneer shoe manufacturer in Allen County and was identified with nearly all the early important business enterprises. He was born at Flemmingsburg, Kentucky, and came in 1808 to Ohio, settling in Champaign County. After his marriage in 1829 he continued to live there until 1833, when he came to Lima and immediately became one of the leading factors in the development of the city's resources. He was, as noted, one of the earliest as well as one of the largest shoe manufacturers in this section, and later he em-

barked in a general mercantile business which he continued during his business career. He was very active in the Whig party and later became just as closely allied with the Republican party. For years he was a leading business man of Lima. He retired in 1868, his sons succeeding him.

W. L. Watt was reared and educated at Lima and was about 20 years old when he entered his father's general mercantile store, although he had been more or less connected with the shoe manufacturing business from early youth. At that time his father did business under the firm name of H. Watt, which at a later period became H. Watt & Sons and still later, upon the father's retirement, Watt Brothers.

The opening of the Civil War turned the young merchant's attention from his former peaceful pursuits and, in July, 1861, he enlisted as a private in Company I, 27th Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf. which was mustered into the service at Camp Chase, Columbus, Ohio. The regiment was assigned to the Army of the West and spent the first nine months in Missouri, mainly pursuing the Confederate forces under General Price, finally, after a pursuit of 3,200 miles, engaging the enemy in battle at New Madrid, Missouri. Later the 27th Ohio went down the Mississippi River to Fort Pillow and then back again and up the Tennessee River to Pittsburg Landing. The regiment then took part in the siege of Corinth Mississippi, occupying Corinth until the battle of Iuka, after which they were assigned to provost duty at Memphis for six months. Returning then to Corinth, the 27th Ohio was a part of the Ohio brigade, which fought the battle of Corinth on October 3-4, 1863. They then started for Chattanooga, Tennessee. Reaching Pulaski, they assisted in opening up to traffic the Nashville & Decatur Railroad. In the following spring they moved on to Chattanooga. The regiment, a part of General McPherson's force, went through Smoke Valley and flanked the Confederate troops at Resaca, earning well-merited applause from their comrades and the country in general. The 27th Ohio made a fine record in all the battles of the campaign which resulted in the capture of Atlanta, taking part in the siege of that city, and it was Mr. Watt's brigade, as-





sisted by another, that made the final charge which drove the enemy across the Chattahoochee River on that memorable occasion. It was during that gallant charge that Mr. Watt suffered the injury which retired him from active service for a time. A bullet wound in the kneecap is not a pleasant thing to endure and Mr. Watt was obliged to lay aside his musket for a time.

At Marietta, Georgia, to which point he was conveyed, he met an old friend and rested with him from July 5th until July 18th, when he returned to his regiment, being under the necessity of wading the Chattahoochee River in order to rejoin it in front of Atlanta, where he arrived in time to participate in the battle before that city of July 22nd. It was on this day that the brave and beloved General McPherson fell. On the third day the movement was made by General Sherman's forces, which resulted in the Confederates evacuating Atlanta. The 27th Ohio helped to fight the battle of Jonesboro and was then sent to Marietta, where our subject was put in charge of a battery and sent on to Chattanooga to turn over some ordnance. In November, 1864, he came home, with the rank of captain, his commission dating from July, 1864.

Mr. Watt then entered his father's store as a salesman and in 1866 he became a member of the firm. After his father's retirement from business in 1868, the firm became Watt Brothers, and this continued for six years, when the firm style became J. D. & W. L. Watt, and this was retained until 1882, when our subject withdrew. He then embarked in a shoe business in which he continued until the winter of 1886-87. Since then he has occupied himself in extensive dealings in real estate, having large interests in this direction, and he has also done considerable building.

On January 2, 1860, Mr. Watt was married to Marion Augusta Fowler, formerly of Rochester, New York, and they have one child, Jessie, who is the wife of M. L. Johnson of Petoskey, Michigan where Mr. Watt and wife have spent the past 26 summers.

Mr. Watt was a member of the first City Council of Lima, serving two terms, and has

been a member of the Board of Education for one term. He belongs to Mart Armstrong Post, No. 202, G. A. R. For many years Mr. Watt has been a member of Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, and has served as a member of the board of trustees since 1866.



AMUEL M. FLETCHER, president of the Board of Public Safety, Lima, and one of the prominent oil men of this section, is also an honored survivor of the Civil War. He was born December 13, 1844, in Potter County, Pennsylvania, being a son of one of the old substantial agricultural families of that locality.

Mr. Fletcher remained on the home farm until the outbreak of the Civil War, when he was 18 years of age. With his two brothers, Lorenzo D. and John, he enlisted for service in the defense of the Union. Both his brothers were members of Company H, 86th Reg., New York Vol. Inf. Lorenzo D. Fletcher was killed in the second battle of Bull Run. John Fletcher, although wounded three times, still survives and resides at Ithaca, New York. Our subject became a member of Company D, 136th Reg., Pennsylvania Vol. Inf., under Captain Phillips. After completing his first term of enlistment, of nine months duration, Mr. Fletcher reenlisted, entering the 50th New York Engineer Corps, and served continuously with this organization until the close of the war. He participated in the battles of Fredericksburg, Cold Harbor, the Wilderness, Spottsylvania Court House, Stony Creek, and was with General Grant's army in front of Petersburg and at Appomattox. He also took part in the Grand review at Washington, D. C.

After the close of his army service, which reflected the greatest credit upon him, he returned to the home farm which he operated until 1878, when he was attracted to the oil fields in McKean County, Pennsylvania. There he remained until 1886, when he came to the Lima oil field. He has since been continuously in the employ of the Buckeye Pipe Line Company and his duty is that of receiver of crude oil as it



comes from the fields to the refinery. He is one of the stockholders in the Independent Gypsum Company.

In 1893 Mr. Fletcher was married to Sarah Etta Church, who is a daughter of James P. Church, a veteran of the Civil War. They have three children: Helen, James and Marion. By a previous marriage Mr. Fletcher had two children: Leland D. and Nancy Ada, the latter of whom is the wife of E. B. Hawkins, of Tiffin, Ohio.

For many years Mr. Fletcher has been one of the hard workers in the Republican party of this section. He served one year on the Republican State Committee. For 24 years he has been a Knight Templar. He belongs also to Mart Armstrong Post No. 202, G. A. R. He is a well-known and popular citizen.

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**J**OHN JACOB GAYER, one of Spencerville's leading citizens and representative business men, manager of the Spencerville Artificial Stone Company and interested in other successful concerns, was born in 1860, in Auglaize County, Ohio, and is a son of Gottlieb and Magdalena (Beck) Gayer.

The ancestors of Mr. Gayer may be traced as far back as the days when religious persecutions banished many of the natives of France to other countries, his great-grandfather settling in Germany. Gottlieb Gayer, his father, was born at Wittenberg, Germany, in October, 1816, and died in Auglaize County, Ohio, in 1899, aged 83 years. He was married at Wittenberg to Magdalena Beck, who died in 1902, aged 77 years. The five survivors of their family of eight children are: Frederika, who resides on the old homestead farm in Auglaize County; Katherine, wife of Gottlieb Eibling, of Marion, Ohio; Gottlieb, who owns the homestead farm; John Jacob; and Mary, who died December 9, 1905. The parents, with five children, emigrated to America in 1861, settling first in Marion County, Ohio, but locating permanently in Auglaize County in 1863, living on two separate farms which the father improved.

John Jacob Gayer was reared and educated

in Auglaize County and remained at home until he was 30 years of age. After completing the common school course, he took a business training at Berea College, but continued to live on the homestead farm until 1891, when he located in Spencerville. He first engaged in a livery enterprise, but disposed of it later and entered into the meat business. Since 1896 he has been contracting for Eastern capitalists who are interested in oil drilling, he having been identified with every branch of the oil development business for years. Since coming to Spencerville he has invested in both city and country real estate, owning a fine farm on the edge of the town and one of the handsomest homes in the locality. It is constructed of stone, is beautifully situated and is equipped with every modern convenience. When the Spencerville Artificial Stone Company was organized, he was one of its founders, and in 1904 was president and manager. It is now incorporated, Dr. Jacob R. Welch being president and Mr. Gayer manager, and its business prospects are most flattering.

Mr. Gayer married Phoebe Metzger, who was born in Auglaize County, Ohio, and is a daughter of Frederick Metzger, and they have had three children, the two survivors being: Irwin Benson, residing in Spencerville, who is a cement walk contractor; and Edith Marie, a student in the Spencerville High School.

Politically Mr. Gayer is a Republican and he has taken an active interest in public matters for years, frequently serving as a delegate to important party conventions. He is a Mason, belonging to the Blue Lodge and Royal Arch Chapter at Spencerville, and the Council at Delphos. He is also an Odd Fellow, having membership in both lodge and encampment.

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**L**OUIS J. STUEBER, M. D. The late Dr. Louis J. Stueber, whose death, in the very prime of a happy and useful life, brought grief to a singularly devoted family at Lima, and to friends in many sections, including barely civilized savages of far-away lands to whom he had given kindly help in times of sickness, was the





younger son of Andrew J. and Catherine (Marx) Stueber.

The father of Dr. Stueber came to Lima as early as 1867 and long was one of the faithful mechanics of the Pennsylvania Railroad. His death took place some years since but his aged widow still survives, with one son, Dr. Frederick G. Stueber.

Louis J. Stueber was liberally educated and was a young man of the greatest promise. He was a graduate of Rush Medical College, Chicago; after completing his professional course there, he became an interne of the Alexian Brothers Hospital in Chicago. When the Spanish-American War broke out, he went to the front as first assistant surgeon of the Second Regiment, Ohio Infantry, U.S. Volunteers, and after the close of that war, upon being urged by the Surgeon General of the United States, he accepted a position on the surgical corps, which was sent to the Island of Mindanao, one of the Philippines. During his two years of service in the far East, he won admiration for his surgical and medical proficiency and the kindest memory that many of the savage Moros have of the hated and feared white man, is this kind and skillful doctor who brought to them healing. Dr. Stueber returned to Lima in 1901. His death occurred while on a visit to Texas, in the Alamo Plaza, at San Antonio, on December 8, 1904.

Dr. Stueber was married on May 21, 1890, to Nina E. Purtscher, who is a daughter of the late Christian Purtscher, a native of Switzerland. They had one daughter—Martha A.

Dr. Stueber was a member of the German Reformed Church, where the funeral services were held. The various organizations of which he had been an honored and beloved member—the United Spanish War Veterans, the Elks, the Eagles and Odd Fellows—attended in a body.

The Second Regiment, Ohio National Guard, adopted resolutions of respect setting forth their appreciation of his services during the Spanish-American War, when he distinguished himself in the faithful discharge of his duties in relieving the sufferings of his fellow-soldiers in the fever-stricken camps and on the field of battle in the Philippines.

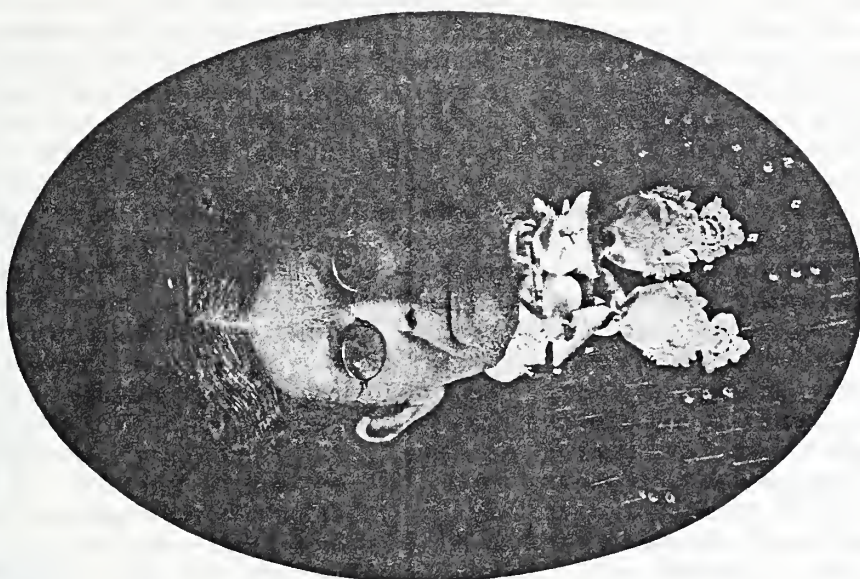
**B**AXTER TREVOR, a retired citizen of Lima, was born in England in January, 1843, and was reared and educated in his native land though all his subsequent development has been in the United States. He served bravely in the army of his adopted country, suffered in her defense, and later through his own efforts reached a position of importance in the business world and in the confidence and friendship of a large number of his fellow-citizens.

After coming to America, Mr. Trevor followed farming and also went to school in Huron County, Ohio. Our subject gained his first military experience in 1862 with the "Squirrel Hunters," called out to repel a Confederate invasion of Ohio. He was at Put-in-Bay, Ohio, when the "Island Queen" was scuttled and set adrift on Lake Erie. At this time he joined a company which had for its captain young John Brown, a son of John Brown, of Harper's Ferry fame. In October, 1864, he enlisted in Company D, 55th Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf. The Regiment was sent at once to Atlanta and attached to the 20th Army Corps, and Mr. Trevor participated in all the battles until Bentonville, on March 17, 1865, when he was wounded in the right arm, which was so shattered that he was obliged to submit to its amputation on the field. His sufferings during his conveyance in the rude ambulance over the rough, corduroy roads, to the hospital at Goldsboro, North Carolina, only served to demonstrate what youth and vigor can stand without giving way. His wound was so serious that after a season at Goldsboro he was sent on to New Bern, where he was placed on the hospital boat and taken to David's Island, New York, where he could receive more skilled care. He arrived in that city on the day following President Lincoln's assassination, when the city was almost paralyzed with grief. He was conveyed to the general hospital on David's Island, where he remained until June 14, 1865, when he was discharged, though not cured. One ligature which was affected was not removed until later and until that was done, he suffered severely.

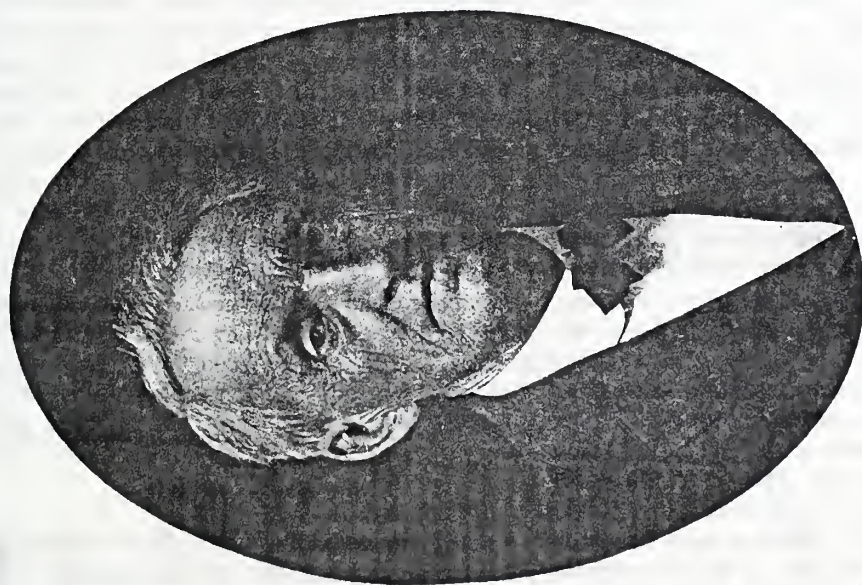
Wounded, weak, without funds and without a home, the future looked bleak to the young man, as may well be imagined, but he







MRS. SARAH T. CUSTARD



JONATHAN CUSTARD





was given a welcome at the Soldiers' Home at Cleveland, and had been there but a month when he had so gained the good will of those with whom he came in contact, that he was chosen for one of the positions at the home, the light duties of which he could perform. This was to meet every train and conduct to the home the weary boys in blue who sought its shelter. The next fall Mr. Trevor secured a position in the Cleveland Postoffice which he held for four and a half years, and then followed book canvassing through Ohio and Pennsylvania for the same length of time. From this latter occupation he drifted into the business of selling books and stationery and established a store at Norwalk, Ohio, which he conducted for nine years. He was then recalled to Cleveland for the purpose of assisting in the settling up of an estate in England. While there, he carried on a news and stationery business until 1885, when he came to Lima and bought the "City Book Store," forming a partnership and doing business for a time under the firm name of Trevor & Robinson. Then Mr. Trevor sold to his partner and embarked in a book and stationery business for himself, near High street, which he continued until he retired from active business. He accompanied Mr. Knight, the lecturer, during one year, the subject of the entertainment being certain thrilling events of the Civil War. Mr. Trevor was appointed, in 1890, decennial appraiser of the Fifth and Sixth wards of Lima.

In 1886 Mr. Trevor was married to Anna Bilton, of England, and they have three children, viz.: Ada Adelaide; Maud Gertrude, wife of Clarence F. Spaulding, of Buchanan, Michigan; and Kyle C., who is with R. G. Dun & Company at Springfield, Ohio. He is a member of Mart Armstrong Post, No. 202, G. A. R. He belongs to the First Congregational Church of Lima.

**J**ONATHAN CUSTARD, one of Lima's esteemed retired citizens, whose period of residence covers almost a half century, was born in November 17, 1834, in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, and is a son of Daniel Custard.

Daniel Custard was born in Maryland.

When he was 10 years old, his people moved to Pennsylvania and later to Tuscarawas County, Ohio. In 1835 he moved to Allen County and lived on a farm in German township, where he also conducted a small store, until 1856, when he came to Lima and for some years operated a general supply store on the present site of the Court House. He was the father of 12 children, of whom our subject is the only survivor. Daniel Custard died in 1868, aged 83 years. In politics he was a strong Whig and later a Republican.

Jonathan Custard was reared on a farm and was educated in a select school in Lima. His entrance into business was in the grocery line and later he was connected with the sewing machine trade. For the past 14 years he has mainly occupied himself in looking after his investments and large property interests. He has enjoyed traveling with his wife and daughter and has frequently visited the various points of interest in California and sojourned at that pleasant Pacific city, Los Angeles.

On January 1, 1857, Mr. Custard was married to Sarah E. Terry, a daughter of Enos and Delphia (Watson) Terry. Enos Terry was born in Warren County, Ohio, and came to Allen County in 1830, when the country was still a wilderness, inhabited by wild beasts and Indians. He helped to lay out what is now the beautiful city of Lima and during this period, on many occasions, his efficient wife cooked the dinners for the men engaged in this work. Mrs. Terry was born in Virginia. Enos Terry was the pioneer nurseryman of Allen County and was engaged in that business almost the whole of his active life. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Custard, and of these two are now living, namely: Edwin K., of Toledo, Ohio, and Delphia Terry. The other two, who died in infancy, were: Lillie Ann, born November 1, 1858, and deceased January 2, 1863; and Daniel Enos, born May 5, 1862, and deceased June 4, 1863. Edwin K. Custard was married in April, 1887, to Nellie Dunsby, who was born in England and has lived in America since she was four years of age. They have had five children, as follows: Jonathan, Leonise, Madeline, Ocia and Edwin Coldor, deceased. Delphia Terry Custard was married on No-





venber 30, 1905, to Frank J. Wurmser, of Lima. Mr. Wurmser is a native of Findlay, Ohio. The family are members of Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church of Lima, which Mr. Custard served as an official for 17 years.

Both the Custard and the Terry families have been identified with the development of Allen County for a great many years. Mr. and Mrs. Custard have a fund of interesting reminiscences of the early days in Allen County. Mrs. Custard remembers hearing her parents tell of their removal from Lebanon, Ohio, into the wilderness of Allen County. They came in a covered wagon, which they had stocked with supplies designed to comfortably support them for a year, but a large part of these went to feed the hungry Indians who came begging, Mrs. Terry fearing to refuse them.

Portraits of Mr. and Mrs. Custard accompany this sketch, being shown on a preceding page.

**G** G. WEADOCK, M. D., one of the prominent young medical practitioners of Lima, is a native of this city, where he was born in 1876, and where he has been established as a physician and surgeon since 1900.

He was primarily educated in the common and parochial schools at Lima, and was graduated in 1894 from the Lima High School. He then turned his attention to the study of medicine and in 1896 was graduated from Assumption College, Ontario, Canada, and completed his medical education in the University of Michigan, in 1900. Dr. Weadock immediately entered into practice in his native city, where he secured recognition very soon, and for the past three years he has been surgeon for the police and the fire departments of Lima and the County Jail. He is local surgeon of the U. T. C. and Brotherhood of Locomotive and is also examining physician and surgeon for the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Catholic Knights of Ohio and the Catholic Mutual Benevolent Association, to which he belongs. He is a member of the medical staff of the Lima Hospital and takes a deep interest in all that concerns the sanitary condition of the city.

Dr. Weadock is county president of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. He is a worthy member of St. Rose Catholic Church.

**M** cDOUGALL EMMITT, secretary of the Lima Progressive Association, is a well-known newspaper man, having for 15 years been connected with the leading publications of Pike, Ross and more recently, of Allen County. Mr. Emmitt was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, in 1868. In his youth his parents moved to Chillicothe, Ohio, where he received the greater part of his education. He is a graduate of the Waverly High School.

After leaving school, he entered a newspaper office of Waverly, where he remained for five years. He next accepted a position on the Chillicothe *Gazette* and four years later came to Lima where he was connected with the *Times-Democrat*. He was employed on this paper six years, resigning his position in August, 1905, to accept the secretaryship of the Lima Progressive Association. He was married July 7, 1892, to Edith McKinzie, of Waverly, Ohio.

**I** RA R. WETHERILL, M. D., one of the leading physicians and surgeons of Bluffton, was born July 21, 1853, in Hardin County, near the village of West Newton. He is a son of John and Elizabeth (Gloyd) Wetherill. His father was born in Lincolnshire, England, March 19, 1809, and was 10 years of age when his father, whose name was also John, came from England and settled in Virginia. Later they came to Richland County, Ohio, where the grandfather of our subject died at the age of 45 years, leaving five sons and two daughters. John Wetherill, Jr., was married in 1836 to Elizabeth Gloyd, who was born in Rockingham County, Virginia, in 1816, and came with her parents to Richland County, where she was married. In 1839 Mr. Wetherill took his family to Hardin County, where he cleared and put under cultivation a large tract of land. He was an in-



dustrious, thrifty man, a devout Methodist, and and in early years a Democrat, although after the nomination of Lincoln he supported the Republican ticket until his death in 1899. His wife died in Hardin County in her 49th year, leaving 14 children, all of whom grew to adult years except the youngest, who died in infancy. Of this family, 12 were married and eight are now living.

Ira R. Wetherill attended public school and engaged in teaching district schools for several terms, supplementing this with a course in the university at Ada, and, later, in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Baltimore, Maryland. Graduating from this institution in 1881, he at once began the practice of his profession at Beaver Dam, where he remained 10 years before locating in Bluffton. He enjoys a large general practice and has been very successful in his work.

In 1874 Dr. Wetherill was married to Susan A. Lattimore, who was born in Hardin County, Ohio, April 24, 1857, and was a daughter of John and Sarah (Shanks) Lattimore of that country. Mrs. Wetherill died in 1895, leaving three children, namely: Ova, wife of Row Ewing, of Bluffton; Webb; and Cliff, a freshman in the medical college at Columbus, Ohio. Webb is a soldier in the United States Army, and served three years in the light artillery, two of them being spent in the Philippines. He served three years in the coast artillery, when he was stationed at Fort Hamilton, New York and has but recently reenlisted in California in the light artillery. The Doctor is a Republican. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias of Bluffton and is a genial, popular gentleman. He is president of the Bluffton Telephone Company, having held the office during the past four years.

**J**ACOB STALEY, an influential agriculturist of Allen County, has resided on the farm of 150 acres in sections 19 and 20, Jackson township, his entire life, having been ushered into the world on homestead farm September 11, 1839. His parents were Jacob and Eunice (Fisher) Staley, both of whom were natives of Virginia.

Jacob Staley, Sr., was born in 1800 and was married in his native State before coming with his parents and family to Ohio. He was one of a large family of children born to Peter Staley and his wife, all of them came to Ohio. They were as follows: Wilkes who was a farmer and conversed almost entirely in the German language; Peter; John; Sally (Hall); Betsey (Mauch); Jacob; Eva (Suddith); and Katie (Fisher). Jacob Staley was a man of tall, spare build, capable of accomplishing a large amount of work. He entered 160 acres of land on Hog Creek and lived there until his death at the age of 62 years. He voted with the Whig and Republican parties and was a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. His wife passed away in 1887 at the age of 86 years. Their children are as follows: Betty (Grant), deceased; Eva (Watt); John; Jemima (Boyd); Eunice (Hall); Jacob and Hannah (Mrs. Thomas Watt).

Jacob Staley, the subject of this biography, has been a farmer and for 25 years was engaged in quarrying stone, giving up that occupation only about three years ago. He has been very successful as a stock-raiser and general farmer and has put many of the improvements on the farm. On December 5, 1861, he was married to Olive Hall, of Jackson township, who was born May 10, 1842, and is a daughter of William M. and Lydia G. (Walton) Hall, who came here from Pickaway County and were among the first to take up a claim. Mr. and Mrs. Staley have no children. Mr. Staley is a Democrat.



**CLIFFORD L. KIPLINGER**, a leading contractor and carpenter of Lima, was reared and educated in this city where he was born 46 years ago.

Daniel Kiplinger, his father, is now in his 76th year, and is one of the most respected citizens of Lima. He is a native of Springfield, Clark County, Ohio. In 1854 he came to Allen County, where he soon became one of the most successful contractors and carpenters. At the time of his settling in Lima, it was a village of some thousand inhabitants and, as Daniel Kiplinger was among the first contractors to







locate here, he built a large per cent. of the structures erected in this vicinity. He is the father of two sons, namely: Clifford L. and Clarence, who is located at Columbus and is agent of the Pittsburg Reduction Company, having under his management three States—Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky.

Clifford L. Kiplinger began working at the carpenter trade when he was a lad of 15 years and, after mastering it, became a partner with his father, with whom he was associated in the contracting and building business for 13 years. He then engaged in the same business by himself, and has been busy with general contract work during the eight years he has been alone. He is a first-class workman, and many of the finest buildings in Lima and vicinity stand as monuments of his skill. Mr. Kiplinger was married in 1885 to Lizzie Moore, whose father Amos Moore, was at one time a prominent contractor of Zanesville, Ohio, where he died in 1873. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Kiplinger, Lawrence, the elder, was graduated from the Lima High School before he had reached his 17th year; he then entered the offices of the Buckeye Pipe Line Company, where he is still employed. Karl, the younger son, is still attending High School. Mr. Kiplinger is a member of the Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church of Lima.

**D**AVID W. HIGBY, superintendent of the Allen County Children's Home for the past seven years, was born in Hardin County, Ohio, July 25, 1854, son of Elisha and Rebecca (Priest) Higby. His father was born in Canada but came to Columbus, Ohio, where he was married. Afterwards he located in Hardin County where he and his wife died. Their family consisted of four children, viz: Mattie, who married George Woods and now resides in Toledo; David W.; Joseph, deceased; and Lydia, who married Richard Walker and lived in Hardin County until her death.

David W. Higby became a carpenter and worked at that occupation in his native county until his 24th year, when he came to Allen County. Locating in Harrod, he worked as a

millwright and also conducted the Central House there until 1899. Having been appointed by the Board of Directors as superintendent of the Allen County Children's Home, he took up his duties at once and has discharged them in a manner to win the hearty commendation of all. The home has been in active operation about 12 years, and is one of the institutions of which Allen County may well feel proud. furnishing, as it does, temporary care and shelter for hundreds of homeless children until the management can place them in permanent homes. Eighty-two little ones are now being cared for in the institution. They will be placed with families where they will be given parental love and reared to lives of usefulness and honor. It would be impossible to give an estimate of the good that is done in thus caring for children, many of whom would otherwise grow up in ignorance, poverty and vice. The farm belonging to the home has about 152½ acres of land and this, with the work about the building which is a fine brick edifice, requires the employment of at least 10 persons. Mr. Higby has been in charge since the sixth year after it was opened. He has everything in the most perfect working order and at the same time keeps the expense within reasonable limits.

Mr. Higby was married in 1878 to May Eubanks, a native of this county and a daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Darby) Eubanks. Mrs. Eubanks was twice married, her second husband being Enoch Harvey. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Higby, namely: Maude, born December 23, 1880, who is the wife of Cliff Breese; and Blanche, born February 23, 1885. Mr. Higby is a Democrat but does not take an active part in politics. He is a member of Lima Lodge, No. 91, Knights of Pythias Lodge, and is a man who will ever be found true to his friends.

**A**BRAM HARROD, a highly esteemed retired resident of Lima, was born in Mercer County, Ohio, April 27, 1850, and is a son of David and Jane (Rickmire) Harrod.

The father of Mr. Harrod was born in 1792 in Knox County, Ohio, and the mother in the



same locality two years later. After marriage they settled near Fort Recovery, in Mercer County, in 1837, and lived there on a farm until 1852, when David Harrod went west on a prospecting tour, in search of a suitable location to which to remove. He was taken ill with cholera on a steamboat on the Missouri River and died far from home.

Abram Harrod lived at home in Mercer County until 1875 and then went to California, where he spent one year and then settled at Geneva, Indiana, where he engaged in an undertaking and furniture business for some seven years, removing then to Portland, Indiana. There he embarked in an implement business which he continued four years. On January 1, 1886, he came to Lima and became traveling salesman for Henry Parham in an implement business. After seven years in this employment, he took up the duties of county recorder, to which he had been elected on the Democratic ticket. He served six years and eight months, having been reelected. Since retiring from this position he has been traveling representative of a Court House supply firm. Recently he has been appointed market master by the Board of Public Service of Lima.

On May 15, 1875, Mr. Harrod was married to Harriet Smith, of Van Wert County, Ohio, who is a daughter of David and Jane (Hartzog) Smith. They have two sons, viz.: Bert G., who is connected with the Lima Locomotive Works, and Robert L., who is traveling for a wholesale implement firm of Kansas City, where he resides. He is a graduate of the law department of the University of Michigan, but imperfect hearing interfered with his professional career. Mr. and Mrs. Harrod are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

**T.** FURNAS, proprietor of the Apex Skirt Company, of Lima, was born at Pleasant Hill, Miami County, Ohio, in 1852, and was there reared and educated. His first commercial venture was in his native village, where he conducted a dry goods store for about three years. He next went West and was in the dry goods busi-

ness in Luzerne, Iowa, about four years, when he returned to Ohio and for 11 years conducted a merchant tailoring establishment at Columbus Grove. In 1883 he came to Lima and purchased the business of John Siegfried, merchant tailor, and for 20 years devoted his time and attention to working up a large trade. During recent years he saw the possibilities awaiting the individual who could supply the ever-growing demand for ladies' tailored skirts, and in 1903 the Apex Skirt Company was established by him. The success of the undertaking has shown the correctness of his theory. He has traveling salesmen in Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Pennsylvania and the company employs a large number of workmen to keep up their orders.

Mr. Furnas was married in 1874 to Anna Tinker, daughter of Samuel Tinker, of Chester, Massachusetts. They have two children, Everett C. and Anna. The son is engaged in business with his father.

**J**OHN W. ROTHE, one of the substantial farmers and representative citizens of German township, where he owns land aggregating 292 acres, situated in sections 13, 14 and 23, was born in Germany, November 29, 1830, and is a son of Frederick and Mary Rothe.

In 1855 John W. Rothe, accompanied by his parents, came to America and located in Perry township, Allen County, Ohio, where he bought 50 acres of land for which he paid \$12 per acre. It was a piece of woodland on which a round-log cabin stood, and this was the family home for 10 years. Mr. Rothe then purchased 80 acres in sections 13 and 14, German township, subsequently adding to this until he now owns 292 acres of some of the finest land to be found in the county. Prior to coming to the United States he had learned the blacksmith trade at which he worked during his younger years.

In 1856 Mr. Rothe was married to Mary Fuchs, and they have had two sons—John and Frederick. The elder son, John Rothe, died in







1898; his wife, Elizabeth Lease, died in 1899 and their only child died when one year old.

Frederick Rothe, the second son, resides on the home farm and superintends its cultivation. He married Tinnie Houseman, and to them have been born four children, viz.: Rudy (the only daughter), who died at the age of six years; and Albert, Calvin and Leonard, who attend the district school in section 13.

Mr. and Mrs. Rothe are worthy members of the German Reformed Church at Lima, of which Mr. Rothe has been a trustee and deacon. These good people are looking forward with pleasure to a celebration of their Golden Wedding," which occurs January 27, 1906. They will have a wide circle of friends to wish them continued peace and prosperity for they are well known and most highly esteemed.

**F**ARRY THOMAS, one of Lima's leading grocers, who is well established in the Holland Block, in the city's business center, was born in 1864 at Lima, and is a son of the late Lewis Thomas.

The father of Mr. Thomas was born in Wales and came to Allen County about 1850. For a number of years he was engaged in the brewery business at Lima.

Our subject was reared and educated at Lima and began business in boyhood in his father's employ. After completing his second year in the Lima High School, he became a clerk in the grocery store of F. A. Holland, with whom he remained 18 years and then became the junior partner of the firm. Two years later, in 1891, the relationship of the partners changed and since that time Mr. Thomas has continued the business as sole proprietor.

Mr. Thomas was married October 22, 1889, to Belle Bowdle, who is a daughter of M. W. Bowdle, of Westminister, Ohio, the family being among the early pioneers of Allen County. Mrs. Thomas' father still survives at the age of 88 years. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas have two children, viz.; Holland B. and Lenore Y. The family belong to Grace Methodist Episcopal Church, Mr. Thomas being one of the board of trustees. He is much interested in the Sunday-

school work, is a teacher and has been superintendent, and he is first vice-president of the Epworth League. Mr. Thomas occupies a very high position both personally and in a business way in Lima, and is looked upon as one of the city's sterling citizens and representative men.

**T**HOMAS C. ROBERTS, general farmer and stock-raiser of Allen County, owns a quarter section of land in Perry township and is one of the most influential and prominent agriculturists of the country. He was born at Westminister, Allen County, Ohio, April 14, 1853, and is a son of Josiah B. and Margaret (Winrot) Roberts. His grandparents, William and Hannah (Morrison) Roberts, were natives of Virginia, of Scotch-Irish descent, the latter being a daughter of Andrew Morrison. The grandfather was a carpenter, working at his trade in West Virginia, where he reared a family of three children, viz: Josiah B.; Margaret T., wife of Samuel Davison French, whose sketch and portrait appear elsewhere in this work; and Catherine, wife of Jacob Moss, of Westminister.

Josiah B. Roberts was born February 20, 1822, at Frankford, Greenbrier County, West Virginia, making his first trip to West Liberty, Ohio, when a boy, but returning to his native State. About 1835 he located at Westminister, Allen County, and was obliged to cut his way through the dense timber in making the journey from West Virginia. He conducted a store at Westminister for several years, and in 1854 purchased the homestead which is now occupied by his son, Alton. He moved his family to this farm in the fall of 1854 and lived upon it until his death. His wife, Margaret, was born near Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and was a daughter of Isaac Winrot. Of the 11 children born to them, but six reached maturity, namely: Oliver C., who resided in Perry township and was a member of an Ohio regiment enlisted for the 100-day service in the Civil War—his constitution was undermined and he was taken with jaundice, which probably resulted in his death later; William A., who died in the



spring of 1905; Lenora (Mrs. Hiram Holdridge), of Lima; Viola (Dunlap), who resides in Hardin County; Thomas C.; and Alton, who resides on the home farm. In politics Josiah B. Roberts was a Republican.

Thomas C. Roberts was an infant when his parents removed to the farm where he grew to manhood and became familiar with the work which has made him one of the most practical and progressive agriculturists of his day. Soon after his marriage he purchased his present farm of 160 acres, and has carried on general farming in connection with stock-raising. He has improved the property with substantial buildings and his method of cultivation is steadily increasing its value by adding to the productiveness of the land.

Mr. Roberts married Elizabeth T. Moore, who was born in Perry township, but was reared in Lima, where her father, William Moore, founded the wholesale house of The Moore Brothers Company, one of the largest mercantile concerns in the city. Her mother was formerly Amanda Ballard. Mrs. Roberts is the mother of two children—Florence, born in 1882 and Ruth, born in 1886. Mr. Roberts is a staunch Republican.

**E**LIAS H. JOHNS, one of the honored retired residents of Lima, was for a great many years prominently identified with the city's business interests and public affairs. Mr. Johns was born in Fauquier County, Virginia, June 11, 1834, and is a son of Elias and Adaline (Otley) Johns.

The Johns family were among the pioneers of Washington township, Union County, Ohio, removing there from Charlestown, Virginia. The father of our subject was a man of enterprising spirit. When he located in Washington township, in 1852, he erected the first hewed-log house there. When his life approached middle age, he removed from the farm to the village of Essex and there engaged in mercantile business.

Elias H. Johns obtained his education in Virginia prior to the removal of the family

to Ohio and from the age of 18 years until his enlistment in the Union Army he followed school teaching. Mr. Johns was one of the first patriotic young men of his neighborhood to respond to the call for troops in 1861, becoming a member of Company B, Second Battalion, 18th Reg., United States Infantry. With all the loyal enthusiasm of the time he entered the service and nobly performed a soldier's duty and almost gave up his life for his country. On the terrible battle-ground of Stone River, he with scores of his comrades fell, and such were the prevailing conditions that he was left to suffer without surgical care for a number of hours. His life was in the balance when he was taken to a hospital. From December until the following September he was under treatment in army hospitals at Murfreesboro, Nashville, Louisville and Camp Denison. From the effects of that dreadful day of battle, Mr. Johns never fully recovered, although the day came when he was able to take a position in the recruiting service, in which he spent the remainder of his term of enlistment, being honorably discharged in 1864. In spite of the injuries suffered when just in the flower of his manhood, Mr. Johns has survived many of his comrades and, approaching the evening of life, he is still vigorous of mind and body, and in most entertaining manner can recall those days which must always possess vital interest for every true American.

After his return from his army service, Mr. Johns came in the same year to Lima and entered into business, opening up a grocery which he continued to operate until 1879, when he became associated with Townsend & Moser for four years, and later with the late Judge Hughes, in the manufacture of furniture. Close attention to business and careful investments have provided Mr. Johns with ample competency, which his leisure permits him to enjoy. He owns considerable property here, including his pleasant home at No. 222 South Pierce street.

In 1857 Mr. Johns was married to Elizabeth Cheney, of Union County, Ohio, a daughter of William Cheney, who was a farmer all his life. Of the four children born to Mr. and Mrs. Johns, two are now living, namely: Silas







H., who is assistant superintendent of the Prudential Life Insurance Company's agency at Lima; and Septa J., who is the wife of W. A. Hall, a journalist, of Racine, Wisconsin.

Mr. Johns has always been an active and interested citizen and for a number of years was a valuable member of the City Council. His advice was always considered as he was known to be a practical, reliable public-spirited man. He is a member of Mart Armstrong Post, No. 202, G. A. R., and of Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church. He has for many years been prominent in the York rite bodies of the Masonic order and at present is secretary of Garrett Wykoff Lodge, No. 585, F. & A. M. He is past master of the Blue Lodge, past high priest of the Chapter, past thrice illustrious master of the Council and past eminent commander of the Commandery.

**F.** KNISELY, M. D., eye, ear and throat specialist, at Lima, enjoys a reputation for professional skill which extends far beyond this city. Dr. Knisely was born in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, in 1859, and received his literary training in the common schools and his scientific education at the Ohio Medical College, Cincinnati, where he was graduated in 1884.

From college Dr. Knisely entered the office of Dr. Seely, of Cincinnati, where he remained two years, gaining much valuable experience in a varied practice, and then removed to Chicago, where he continued in practice for five years, making diseases of the eye, ear and throat his specialty. He then returned to his old home at Uhrichsville, Ohio, for a short season, after which he returned to his work in Chicago for another period of five years. The climate of the "Windy City" did not agree with him entirely and as a matter of prudence he gave up the position he had won in his profession there and returned to Ohio, locating at Lima in 1897. He enjoys an extensive practice in his specialty. He is also a leading member of political and social circles.

Dr. Knisely was married on April 12, 1880,

to Mary De Grieff, of New Philadelphia, Ohio, and they have two sons, viz.: Allen D. and Virgil M. The former was educated at New Philadelphia and Chicago and then spent two years in the Ohio State University, after which he entered the medical department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. After two years there he became a student at the Louisville Medical College, where his graduation will take place in June, 1906. The second son is a student in the Lima High School.

Dr. Knisely is prominent in Masonry, a member of the Blue Lodge, Chapter and Commandery at Lima and the Shrine at Dayton. During his residence at Uhrichsville, he was one of the officers of the Masonic lodge there. He is a member of the First Evangelical Lutheran Church, of Lima.

**J**OHN HEFNER, a well known agriculturist of Jackson township, was born in this vicinity July 12, 1849, and belongs to a family which has been closely identified with the history of the county for 65 years. He owns and cultivates a large farm of 280 acres in section 30 and 31, Jackson township and section 25, Bath township and is regarded as one of the best farmers in the county. His parents, Isaac and Mary (May) Hefner, came originally from Pennsylvania to Ross County, this State, and, in 1840, removed with their family to Allen County, where they remained until their death, the former in 1884, at the age of 75 and the latter in 1901 at the more advanced age of 94. Isaac Hefner accumulated large tracts of land, which are still in the possession of his descendants. The following children were born to him and his good wife: Jacob, of Jackson township; Harison, of Jackson township; Amos, of Auglaize township; two that died in infancy; Clarissa, wife of Jacob Mowery, of Bath township; David, of Bath township; and John and Albert, who live in Jackson township.

John Hefner was married in 1880 to Miss F. R. Growdon, who was born in Auglaize township, Allen County, Ohio, April 13, 1857. Her parents were Brice and Sarah (Ash) Growdon, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania.



Mrs. Hefner died January 2, 1900, leaving seven children, namely: Sarah Olive; Tillie A.; Jesse William; Harvey R.; Mary; Robert and Leah. Edith died at the age of nine years and two died in infancy. After his marriage, Mr. Hefner moved at once to his present property and has devoted his entire time to farming and has found it to be far more profitable to feed the products of his land to his stock than to put it on the market in the natural state. He handles all kinds of stock and his premises are well provided with barns and sheds to properly accommodate them, large cribs and grainaries affording storage for his grain. Sixty-seven acres of his land lies in section 30 and 87 in section 31, Jackson township, the remainder being located in section 25, Bath township, it is all in one body, excepting a tract of 40 acres. Mr. Hefner is deacon of the Reformed Church and was formerly elder. He is a strong Democrat and has been an efficient member of the School Board. He is a member of the Auglaize Grange, of which he was one time treasurer and has always taken a lively interest in advancing agricultural interests in Allen County.

**J**EAN VETTER, deceased, founder of the Delphos Hardware Company, at Delphos, and one of the city's most valued and respected men, was born in 1848 in Hessen, Germany.

After completing a public and normal school education by the time he was 20 years old, Jean Vetter came to America. He had also learned the locksmith's trade in his native land and soon found employment at Crestline, Ohio, in a Crestline lock shop, where he remained for the next five years. In 1875 he came to Delphos and opened up a hardware business on a small scale. The venture proved successful and developed into important business of the Delphos Hardware Company. He erected the fine building in which this business is located, and he also put up a number of other substantial structures in the city. After an active and useful life, he retired to the enjoyment of the fruits of his former energy; but two years later, on October 19, 1903, a sudden message came and he passed

away. For some time his health had not been of the best and an affection of the heart developed. For a number of years he was a member of the Board of Education and was a liberal supporter of all educational and religious reforms. He was a consistent member of the Lutheran Church. His only fraternal connection was with the Knights of Pythias.

Mr. Vetter was married at Delphos to Lina Eysenbach, the youngest daughter of the late Prof. Wendel Eysenbach, and they had three children, viz: Ella, wife of Louis Huber, who is interested in the Delphos Hardware Company—they have one daughter, Mildred; Amelia, wife of William Du Wece, also of the Delphos Hardware Company—they have one child, John Vetter; Meta, wife of William Steinle, son of Felix Steinle; and Ernest.

The late Prof. Wendel Eysenbach was born in Eberstadt, Germany, April 29, 1810. At the age of 17 he attended the seminary of Friedberg and was graduated there as a public teacher at the age of 20 years. After acting for a time as private tutor, he received an appointment as public teacher, and for many years was popular as such. During the troubles of the Revolution of 1848 he was impeached by the government on account of his liberal sentiments and as a result of a trial was sentenced to punishment. However, in 1851 he escaped to America with his family and settled on a farm in Marion township, Allen County, east of Delphos, where he passed the remainder of his life, dying in May, 1886. He was a natural and trained musician and taught the piano for about 10 years, having many pupils in Lima.

In 1838 he married Margaret Schillings and they had four sons and one daughter who were born in Germany, namely: Louis, a farmer of Marion township; Henry P. a merchant and manufacturer of Delphos; William of Delphos; Theodore, a merchant of Spencer-ville; and Mary, widow of George Schilling. Their youngest child, Mrs. Vetter, was born in Ohio.

Professor Eysenbach's mind was a versatile one, turning as easily to science as to literature and music. He spent some years inventing and perfecting astronomical apparatus. He







was probably one of the most learned men who ever lived out a quiet, useful life in Allen County and he commanded the respect and enjoyed the esteem of all who knew him.

**C**OL. C. T. HOBART, general manager and chief engineer of the Columbus & Lake Michigan Railway, now in operation from Lima to Defiance, Ohio, is a railroad man of long experience and scientific training. He was born in Vermont and was educated in his State University, where he was graduated in the polytechnic department.

For 12 years after entering railroad service Colonel Hobart was in the operating department of the Central Vermont Railroad. From that time on he has been more or less continuously connected with great lines of transportation. In 1866 he made the first survey of a preliminary nature, for the construction of the Northern Pacific Railroad; 900 miles were covered before the party was attacked by the Indians. Of the party of 21 surveyors, only eight escaped with their lives. The exigencies of his business often required long journeys through unbroken forests and over dangerous paths. One winter he left Montana by stage and traveled 700 miles to Salt Lake City, thence by stage 600 miles to Austin, Nevada. This was necessary in measuring the ground for the Central Pacific Railway. Afterward he worked back across the Sierra Nevada Mountains. He was then superintendent of the operating department which built the road out to a point connecting with the Central Pacific and continued it until it was in operation to Ogden.

Upon the completion of this great engineering work, Colonel Hobart was engaged by the Northern Pacific, met the directors at St. Paul and after impressive services, in which the directors took part, including Governor Smith of Vermont (the president of the company), Colonel Hobart was left in charge as superintendent of construction and operation. This was the initial step in the building of that great highway of commerce and promoter of civiliza-

tion—the Northern Pacific Railroad. For 17 years Colonel Hobart continued in charge of this great enterprise. When it was found desirable to construct a branch line from the Northern Pacific to Yellowstone Park, under a government lease, Colonel Hobart built the line and erected the hotel in the park for the entertainment of the people who visit that wonderful region. These hotels he later turned over to the Northern Pacific road.

On account of the delicacy of his wife's health, Colonel Hobart then gave up his connection with the Northern Pacific and went to the Argentine Republic, South America. Here he built 200 miles of railroad, under government concessions to American capitalists, through Paraguay and other portions of South America. The road was later abandoned. Upon his return to New York, he became vice-president of the Raritan River Railway and constructed the same.

It was while engaged in this great project that he was approached by Benjamin C. Faurot, who gave him such a glowing picture of the business possibilities of Northwestern Ohio and so convincingly placed before him the desirable climatic and other advantages for happy home-building, that Colonel Hobart determined to settle in this section. From this determination subsequently came about the building of the Columbus & Lake Michigan Railway (at first known as the Columbus, Lima & Milwaukee). Within the current year in all probability, the road will have reached Columbus as one terminus and Eastern Lake, Michigan, as the other.

Colonel Hobart is a Knight Templar Mason, and belongs to the Protestant Episcopal Church.

**J**OHAN STEVENS, deceased, was one of the most highly esteemed citizens of German township, where his death occurred on February 1, 1896. He was born in 1846 in Somerset, Ohio, and was a son of Frederick and Agnes Stevens.

John Stevens was reared in his native place and attended the district schools. He devoted





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his life to farming and lived in Perry County until he was about 30 years old. Immediately after his marriage in 1878, he settled at Columbus Grove, Putnam County, Ohio, but 18 months later removed to German township, Allen County, and bought 50 acres of land in section 8. Subsequently he bought 10 additional acres and this was his estate at the time of his death.

On January 2, 1878, Mr. Stevens was married to Margaret O'Neil, a daughter of John and Frances (Lawler) O'Neil, who came to America from Ireland. Mr. and Mrs. Stevens had these children: John Henry, born October 28, 1879, who married Alta Smith, of Lima, January 1, 1901, and has one child, Velma—they are residents of German township; Frederick, born June 17, 1882, who resides at home; Adam, born September 4, 1884, who died at the age of six years; Frances Esther, born April 5, 1885, who lives at home; Alice Margaret, born December 9, 1891, who resides at home, and Mary Agnes, her twin sister, who died September 4, 1892.

Mrs. Stevens is a lady of excellent business capacity. After her husband's death she increased her farm of 60 acres to 90 acres, subsequently selling 41 acres, just north of her present farm, to James McKenzie, who paid the handsome price of \$100 per acre. She makes her home on her farm of 50 acres, three of her children residing there also. The family belongs to St. Rose Catholic Church at Lima, and in the cemetery of this church the remains of the father were interred. He was a worthy member of St. Rose Catholic Church, was a kind and loving husband and an honest, whole-souled friend and neighbor.

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**F**ON. S. D. CRITES, whose portrait appears on the opposite page, ably represents the 32d Senatorial District in the Ohio State Senate. He was born in German township, Allen County, Ohio, November 28, 1847, and is a son of Jacob and Mary J. (Crenean) Crites.

Jacob Crites, father of Senator Crites, was born October 19, 1822, in Pickaway County,

Ohio, came to Allen County as an early pioneer and died in German township, in March, 1904. During a long and useful life he was identified with a large number of the important interests of the county and was a highly respected man and valued citizen.

S. D. Crites was reared on his father's farm and was instructed in all the practical work incident to the development of a large property. When 18 years of age he began to teach school, earning enough in this way to enable him to attend the National Normal University, at Lebanon Ohio, under the superintendence of that noted educator, President Alfred Holbrook. In 1870 Mr. Crites was appointed superintendent of the Elida public schools, a position he filled with efficiency for 12 successive years, resigning at the close of this long period on account of failing health. From 1876 until 1888 he was a member of the Allen County Board of School Examiners and for nine years he served as a justice of the peace in German township.

In 1883 Mr. Crites decided to try the effects of the out-door life necessary in the successful carrying on of large agricultural operations, and devoted himself to extensive farming and to the raising, buying and shipping of stock. A few years of country life restored his normal health. He now has his farms under rental to J. L. Edmiston and Alva Benedum, owning two adjoining farms, consisting of 300 acres.

In 1895 he purchased the grain elevator at Elida, which he renovated; at present he is operating it in partnership with his brother, D. H. Crites, who is the active manager. In September, 1903, Senator Crites organized one of the leading financial establishments of this part of the State, the Farmers' Bank of Elida. Aside from his public duties, Senator Crites devotes all his time to the interests of this bank and is ably assisted by his very capable daughter, Zoe Crites, who is cashier.

Senator Crites has not only been a prominent figure in the educational and business circles of Allen County, but for years he has been a dominating factor in its political life. His sympathies have always been in accord with the Democratic party. In 1901 he was nominated by acclamation, an unusual testimonial



of party esteem, at the Democratic District Convention, for the position of State Senator, to represent the 32d Senatorial District, which is composed of the rich and populous counties of Allen, Auglaize, Defiance, Mercer, Pauling, Van Wert and Williams. He was elected to this high position by a majority of 2,300 votes, and was re-elected at the expiration of his first term, practically without opposition. His work has been especially given, as committeeman, to finance, agriculture, benevolent institutions, common schools and school lands, fees and salaries, public works and public lands, penitentiaries, universities, colleges and banks, and building and loan associations. Upon his retirement from public life, Senator Crites proposes to devote himself exclusively to his banking interests.

In 1872 the subject of this sketch was married to Sarah Jane Reichelderfer, of Pickaway County, Ohio, who died in the same year. In 1876 he was married to Emma M. Ditto, and they have four accomplished daughters, viz: Mrs. S. O. Morris, of Lima; and Mabel, Zoe and Grace.

Fraternally Senator Crites is a Mason and has taken all the degrees up to and including the 32d. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Elida.

**J**OHAN W. SHANAHAN, manager of the Consumers' Fuel, Building & Supply Company, of Lima, is one of the leading citizens of the city, being closely identified with a number of the most important business interests of Allen County. He was born in 1860 in Delaware County, Ohio, where his father, P. Shanahan, is still engaged in farming, and where our subject was educated and grew to manhood.

Mr. Shanahan began his career in commercial circles as proprietor of a grocery store which was located on North Main street, in Lima. After some 10 years in this line, he turned his attention to farming and the production of oil, extending his operations until he is now connected with the Richland Oil Company and the German-American Oil Company,

being a member of the board of directors of the latter company. In 1894 he accepted the position of manager of the Consumer's Fuel, Building & Supply Company, and has since efficiently served in this position. In 1901 he disposed of his grocery stock and has since given his entire attention to the constantly increasing responsibilities devolving upon him. He is vice-president of the Allen County Building & Loan Association and holds the same office in the Allen County Agricultural Society.

Mr. Shanahan was married in 1891 to Kate Baker, whose father is A. C. Baker, a farmer of Ada, Ohio. They have four children: George, Nellie, Catherine and Eugene. The family are devout members of St. Rose Catholic Church of Lima and Mr. Shanahan is a member of the Knights of Columbus. He has been an active worker for the good government of the city, having served as a member of the City Council for two terms and is at present on the Board of Public Safety of Lima.

**S**CHULTHEIS BROTHERS, who own and operate the large tannery at Lima, are among the best known and esteemed citizens of the city, where they have lived since childhood. The firm is composed of John and Charles Schultheis, successors of their father, Wolfgang Schultheis, who came to this city in 1863 and established the business. The elder Schultheis was born in Bavaria, Germany, where he learned the trade of tannery with his father, John Schultheis. Coming to America, he made his first stop in Columbiana County, going from there to Cincinnati, thence to Wayne and Pickaway counties, Ohio, and finally conducted a tannery for a short time in Shelby County, Ohio. His next move was to New Bremen, Auglaize County, where he formed a partnership with John Kunzel in 1855, which was continued until 1863 when he disposed of his interests in the tannery and came to Lima. When the tannery was first started in Lima, Mr. Schultheis was associated in the business with his brother, but in 1867 he purchased his brother's interests and from that date until







1891 he carried on the works alone. Since 1891 the business has been managed by the present firm.

Charles Schultheis is a native of New Bremen but has been a resident of Lima since his fourth year. He has worked in a tannery from boyhood and his practical knowledge of the business enables him to conduct it in a profitable manner. In 1895 Mr. Schultheis was married to Matilda T. Eckert, daughter of the late Frederick Eckert, who was widely known during his lifetime as owner of a large pork packing plant at Fort Wayne, Indiana. Charles Schultheis is a prominent Elk and a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

**G**EORGE W. HERRING, a prominent agriculturist of German township, owns a well-improved farm of 80 acres, situated in section 19, about a mile southwest of Elida. He was born November 4, 1869, in German township on the old Herring homestead, three-quarters of a mile south of his present home. His parents, Penrose and Lydia (Hunsaker) Herring, were both natives of Fairfield County, where they were engaged in farming before coming to Allen County. The father, who was born August 24, 1830, died November 5, 1893, and the mother on March 6, 1905; both were laid to rest in Greenlawn Cemetery at Elida. Mr. Herring's paternal grandfather was Philip Herring, who was born in Pennsylvania, whence he came to Ohio, settling in Allen County as a pioneer.

George W. Herring was reared on the homestead farm and has given the greater part of his life to farm work. He spent some time in preparing himself for office work in Valentine Brothers' school of telegraphy and shorthand at Janesville, Wisconsin, but while he was yet a student his father sickened and died and his presence was needed at home and the business course was accordingly abandoned. His farm of 80 acres is one of the best kept and most profitable in German township. There are 10 oilwells in active operation, five of

which are leased to Mr. Whipple and five to W. L. Russell.

Mr. Herring was married April 13, 1899, to Callie F. Sawmiller, daughter of John and Mary (Bower) Sawmiller, residents of Amanda township. Mr. Herring has served on the School Board and is now a member of the advisory board of German township. He is a Democrat in politics, and in religion a member of the United Brethren Church, of Allentown. He is a zealous worker in the church and is serving as treasurer of the Sunday-school.



**Z**A. CROSSON, one of Lima's well-known business men, a dealer in fancy and staple groceries, who has been a resident of the city for 26 years, was born in 1858 in Auglaize township, Allen County, Ohio, and is a son of Columbia Crosson.

The father of our subject came to Allen County about 1851 and carried on his trade of wagonmaking. That he was an expert mechanic may be inferred when it is known that a wagon that he made in 1852 has been in use to the present time. He now lives in retirement at the age of 78 years in a pleasant home at Westminster, this county, where two of his four children also reside, the eldest,—William L. and the youngest,—Alwilda, wife of Miner Smith. Mary is the wife of N. D. McCoy, of Lima. Early in the days of the Civil War, Columbia Crosson offered his services to his country and served over four years, as a member of Company F, Fourth Reg., Ohio Vol. Cav. He was always active in politics and at numerous periods filled local offices.

Our subject was reared and educated in Allen County and began his business career by running a huckster wagon through the country. This gave him a little business experience and made him a good clerk when he entered the employ of J. Langan at Lima. He continued with Langan & Company, successors to the old firm, for about nine years. On Christmas Day, 1889, he embarked in business for himself, opening up a small grocery store at his present stand, No. 112 East Market street, where he



has continued ever since, each year adding to his patronage and accommodations, until now he is one of the leading merchants of Lima. Mr. Crosson owns stock in the Lima Driving Park Association.

In 1879 Mr. Crosson was married to Lillie Starbuck, who is a daughter of James M. Starbuck, of Randolph County, Indiana, and they have four children, viz.: Elsie H., wife of C. T. DeWeese, of Sidney, Ohio; Columbia Monroe, who is in the automobile business at Portland, Oregon; Edith M. and Lethia Hazel.

Politically Mr. Crosson has always been a Republican and for the past six years has been a member of the Board of Health. He belongs to the Lima Business Men's Association and to the Retail Grocers' Association of Lima, and was president of the latter for five years. His fraternal associations include the Royal Arcanum, the Odd Fellows and the Red Men.

**I**SAAC B. POST, president of the Citizens' Banking Company, of Spencer-ville, and long a resident of Allen County, was born at Shelby, Richland County, Ohio, June 21, 1837, and is a son of Hon. Charles C. and Elizabeth (Bryant) Post.

The branch of the Post family to which our subject belongs was domiciled in Pennsylvania during the active business life of his grandfather, Jeremiah Post, who was, however, a native of New York.

Hon. Charles C. Post, son of Jeremiah Post and father of our subject, was born in Washington County, Pennsylvania, July 27, 1800, and came to Ohio in 1822. He settled for a time at Shelby, Richland County, and then moved to Wyandotte County, where he built a grist and sawmill, and a council house for the Wyandot Indians under contract with the general government. He became friendly with the Indians and was respected by them on account of the justness with which he dealt with them. In March, 1841, he removed to Allen County, settling in Amanda township, where he built the old Post mill on the Auglaize River, which he operated until 1849. He then settled

on an estate of 485 acres in sections 8 and 17, about one mile and a quarter from his previous home. His residence continued here until 1883, when he went to live with his daughter, Mrs. Cyrus H. Hover, where he died when almost 84 years of age. Charles C. Post was a man of sterling integrity, one who enjoyed in the highest degree the esteem of all who knew him. He took a prominent part in all that materially affected the good government of his community, and was elected by his fellow-citizens to represent them in the State Legislature. His honorable life closed March 27, 1884. He married Elizabeth Bryant, who was born March 13, 1801, and died February 22, 1886, aged 85 years. Of their nine children, but four survive, namely: Martha, widow of Cyrus H. Hover, now of Lima; Adam Clark, of Carthage, Missouri; Isaac B. and Charles G., of Parma, Missouri.

Isaac B. Post was reared from the age of four in Amanda township, and was educated in the local schools in which he later taught during several winter seasons. In April, 1861, he enlisted for the 90 days' service in Company E, 15th Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf., and marched away with his comrades to serve in the mountains of West Virginia, under Gen. George B. McClellan, then the hero of the hour. On July 27, 1861, he reenlisted for three years in Company C, 32nd Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf., under General Milroy. The command returned to West Virginia, and he served under Generals Sigel and Fremont in the Shenandoah Valley until the battle of Harper's Ferry, September 15, 1862, when he, with his regiment, was captured by the enemy and paroled. Subsequently he was exchanged, and returned to the field in command of his company, of which he had been commissioned 2nd lieutenant in February, 1862. He served in the Army of the Tennessee, and was with General Grant at Vicksburg. In 1863, for meritorious services, he was promoted to a captaincy and served as such in the Atlanta campaign in 1864. After this he was again promoted, being commissioned major, and as such served until the close of the Civil War, also filling the position of division inspector.

At the close of the war, Mr. Post returned







to Allen County and for some two years dealt in hardwood lumber, and then turned his attention to farming and stock-raising. He became much interested in agricultural pursuits, to which he devoted his time almost exclusively until August 4, 1883, when he formed a partnership with Henry Wasson and opened a private bank at Spencerville, from which Mr. Wasson retired a few years later. The bank has greatly prospered and was reorganized in 1905 as the Citizens' Banking Company with these officers: President, Isaac B. Post; 1st vice-president, Dr. Jacob R. Welch; cashier, Ira B. Post. For a number of years before the reorganization of the bank our subject served as its head and also as its cashier, an office now capably filled by his only son, Ira B. Post. Mr. Post owns valuable farming lands, located mainly in Amanda township.

In October, 1873, Isaac B. Post was married to Emma E. Berry, who was born in 1851, in Van Wert County, Ohio, and is the only daughter of John and Eunice A. (Griffin) Berry, early pioneers of that county. Mrs. Berry is still living at the age of 82 years; she is one of three survivors of a family of 10 children, the others being a brother, aged 92 years, living in Mercer County, and a sister, Mrs. Parrott, aged 85 years, who lives in Van Wert County. The only son of our subject's marriage, Ira B., above mentioned is one of the town's popular citizens a graduate of the Spencerville High School and prominent in social life. On July 23, 1899, he was united in marriage with Ida M. Robbins, and has one son, Stanley Bryant. Our subject and wife have in their home a daughter by adoption, Gladys M., who was born in October, 1899.

In political sentiment, Mr. Post has always been a supporter of the Republican party. He is public-spirited to an unusual degree and has taken a great deal of interest in improving Spencerville. All of his own property is kept in good condition and presents a more than creditable appearance. Some years ago he purchased considerable property in the city which he improved. He built the two-story brick block used by the Gamble Grocery Company. He took much interest in building the new Spencerville Methodist Church, being a

member of the building committee. Since 1879 he has been an active worker in this religious body. He was a charter member of Fair Post, No. 322, G. A. R., and its first commander, serving for some time in that position.



**HARLES KRUSE**, an implement dealer and hardware merchant of Elida, was born October 2, 1860, in Champaign County, Ohio, and is a son of Henry Kruse, whose biography will be found elsewhere in this work. Charles Kruse has been a resident of this vicinity since his sixth year, when his parents located on a farm near Elida where he was reared and educated. He engaged in farming and cultivated the farm owned by his father in German township until 1903, when he moved to Elida and purchased the hardware and implement business of Mr. Mosier, which he has since conducted. Affable and courteous, he has always been popular throughout the county and has worked up an extensive business, putting out a large number of wagons, machinery and other farm implements.

Mr. Kruse was married to Minnie Counsellor, daughter of Rev. Elias Counsellor, who was for many years a traveling preacher of the United Brethren denomination, but who is now stationed at Burgoon, Ohio. Six children, all of whom are living, have been born to this worthy couple, viz: Dora, Carrie, Duane, Elias, Zilpha and Isabelle. They are affiliated with the Lutheran Church, of Elida.



**S. VICARY**, proprietor of the Star Iron Works, of Lima, where he is also identified with many other important business interests, and is deservedly counted among the city's leading and most influential men, was born in Devonshire, England, in 1844.

Mr. Vicary was but a lad of 16 years when he left home; but he had learned the machinist trade in his father's shops and, being of an ambitious and energetic spirit, decided to cut loose from old ties and make his own way in the world. He went to British Columbia to

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put his plans into operation, and soon found employment in a sawmill on Puget Sound, where he remained engaged in machine work for some years. Later he had charge of a big mill at Fort Madison, where he remained for two years, going from there to the Oregon Iron Works at Portland, Oregon. After one year there he entered the Marysville foundry in California, where he worked by the side of Prescott, who later became a national character. After some two years there, Mr. Vicary accepted the position of gang foreman in the shops of the Central Pacific Railroad, which he held about four years. Mr. Vicary had all this experience while still a very young man, displaying even then the stability of character which has made him one of the leading men of Lima while still in the prime of life.

As master machanic he then went to Nevada for the Nevada Central Narrow Gauge Railroad for two years, going then to Virginia City, where he assisted in setting up some of the largest machinery in the Comstock lode, some of the greatest pieces of machinery that were ever put up in the mines at Virginia City. He helped to put in the machinery in the Justice mine, a 1,200-horsepower engine, with all the modern improvements including the Cataract valve motion and condensing machinery. Subsequently he went to Bodie, Mono County, California, where he had charge of the great machine shops for two years, and then came to Ottawa, Putnam County, Ohio. His introduction to Lima was quite accidental. While on a visit to his first wife's people in Putnam County, he came to Lima to see the place, and was persuaded to accept a position in the shops of the C., H. & D. Railway. Later he became assistant foreman of the Solar Refinery. Mr. Vicary has traveled extensively, having been in every State and Territory west of the Rocky Mountains. He is known from Sitka, Alaska to Salt Lake City. Those who have had the good fortune to meet Mr. Vicary have found him a courteous and pleasant gentleman. He has resided in Lima for the past 23 years.

In 1894 Mr. Vicary bought the Star Iron Works at Lima, which under his ownership have become one of the city's most important industries, being the largest repair works in

this section of the State. Being a practical machinist, he thoroughly comprehends every detail of the most intricate pieces of machinery, and his supervision covers every branch of the work done. When he took charge of these works, he had about absorbed his capital, but through his thorough knowledge and business capacity he has become a leading factor in business life here, has won honorable prominence in financial circles and enjoys also the esteem and approbation of his fellow-citizens. He is one of the stockholders in The First National Bank and also of The Lima Trust Company.

Mr. Vicary was married in 1865 to Melvina Harden, in California. She was a daughter of Walker Harden of Putnam County. Her death occurred in 1878. In 1882 he was married to Anna Belle Melhorn, who is a daughter of John Melhorn, one of Lima's oldest pioneers, who still survives, aged 87 years.

Politically Mr. Vicary is a Republican. He is a Mason of the 32nd degree, a Knight Templar and a Shriner.

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**H**ON. HENRY L. ROMNEY, one of Bluffton's most prominent and esteemed citizens, formerly mayor and postmaster, and closely identified with the city's varied interests, was born in Canton Bern, Switzerland, October 19, 1843, and is a son of Henry and Elizabeth (Conrad) Romey.

Mr. Romey is of French extraction. His father brought the family to America in 1854, the mother having died two years previously, and with his one daughter and three sons, came to Allen County, settling on a farm four miles south of Bluffton. On February 1, 1862, Henry Romey enlisted for service in the Civil War, entering Company H, 74th Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf., under Captain Ballard and Col. Granville Moody, the "preacher colonel." He served through three years of the war, a soldier on the field until after the battle of Stone River, where he was disabled, and after that a prison guard. His death took place May 3, 1904, at the age of 88 years. His children were: Henry L.; Julius, a resident of Columbia City, Indiana, a



The American Medical Association is a non-profit corporation organized for the purpose of promoting the science and art of medicine and the health of the people. It is composed of members who are physicians, dentists, and other health care professionals. The Association's primary concern is the advancement of the medical profession and the improvement of the health of the community. It achieves this through various means, including the publication of journals, the holding of conferences, and the provision of educational programs. The Association also advocates for the interests of the medical profession in relation to government and public policy. Its efforts are aimed at ensuring that the medical profession is able to provide the highest quality of care to the public.

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soldier in the Civil War with his father and brother Henry L.; Edward, of North Baltimore, Ohio; Rosetta, the only daughter, who met death in childhood, falling from a train while on her way from the old country.

Henry L. Romey remained with his father on the home farm until 1862. His father entered the army in February and our subject followed his example, enlisting on June 15th, in the same company and regiment. The 74th Ohio made a notable record as may be judged in recalling the long list of important battles in which it took so proud a part, viz.: Stone River, Hoover's Gap, Dug Gap, Chickamauga, Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge, Buzzards Roost, Resaca, Dallas, Kenesaw Mountain, Chattahoochee River, Peach Tree Creek, siege of Atlanta, Jonesboro, Averysboro and Bentonville, and the remnant of the regiment, with the tattered flags, was honored in the Grand Review at Washington. Mr. Romey did not escape injury in this long period of almost constant fighting, receiving a serious gunshot wound in his left foot at Jonesboro, September 1, 1864. This entailed four months of treatment in the hospital, but he rejoined his regiment in the following January, and was honorably discharged at Louisville, Kentucky, July 10, 1865.

After his return from the army, Mr. Romey worked at the carpenter's trade for a number of years, and then gave attention to fine cabinet-making, conducting a furniture store and also manufacturing furniture. He sold out in 1889 and went into the fire insurance business, was made a notary and is now serving his second term as justice of the peace.

Mr. Romey has been a life-long Democrat. Personally he is a very popular citizen of Bluffton, and was twice elected mayor, serving as such for four years. He was postmaster during the second term of President Cleveland, and has acceptably filled other offices; has been township clerk for six years; was treasurer for seven years and for three terms was a member of the Board of Education.

On March 16, 1872, Mr. Romey was married to Rosa Kenie, who was also born in Canton Bern, Switzerland, in December, 1852, and came to America with her parents in 1854. She

is a daughter of John and Barbara Kenie. They have had these children: Elizabeth, wife of John T. Badertscher, of Hancock County; Carrie, wife of J. C. Welty, of Bluffton; William H., a furniture merchant, of Richmond, Indiana; Elmer C., assistant cashier of the First National Bank, of Bluffton; Samuel D., who is in the employ of his brother at Richmond, Indiana; Richard, a student in the Bluffton High School, class of 1906; and Fred, who is attending school.

Mr. Romey is the Bluffton agent for the Trans-Atlantic French line, the Red Star line, the North German Lloyd and the Baltimore and American lines of steamships to Europe. He is a valued member of Robert Hamilton Post, No. 262, G. A. R., at Bluffton. For many years he has been a member of the Reformed Church and one of its trustees and liberal supporters.

**H**ON. THEODORE D. ROBB, mayor of Lima and president of The First National Bank of this city, was born June 29, 1843, and is one of a family of eight children born to the late Hon. Thomas M. and Anna (Moore) Robb.

The Robb family originated in Scotland but it has been settled on American soil for many generations. Thomas M. Robb was born in Washington County, Pennsylvania, October 25, 1812. In 1815 his father removed to Guernsey County, Ohio, and there Thomas M. Robb was reared until old enough to learn the printing business. The early part of his life was spent in newspaper work in various towns in Ohio. As late as 1854 he took upon himself the editing of the Lima *Argus* and two years later he acquired control of the *People's Press*, which he conducted with marked success until the demands of other duties upon his time caused him to withdraw from journalistic work. He was admitted to the bar in 1853 and what with legal contests, editorial work and political leadership, he became one of the noted men of this section of the State. In 1856 he was elected judge of the Probate Court. In 1873 he was elected to the State Legislature and continued as useful there as he





had been in other positions of responsibility. His death took place in 1879.

Theodore D. Robb was only a lad in years when he came to Lima with his parents and the greater part of his education was secured in the Lima schools. He learned the carpenter trade in young manhood and followed it some four years and then began the study of the law under his distinguished father, and then entered the Michigan State University at Ann Arbor, where he was graduated. He entered into practice with his father at Lima, the law firm of Robb, Hughes & Robb being formed. In 1874 the retirement of Judge Robb caused the firm name to be changed to Hughes & Robb, which continued until the election of Judge Hughes to the bench. Our subject then went into partnership with the late Judge James Mackenzie, the new firm being in business under the style of Mackenzie & Robb. This partnership was continued for five years, at the end of which period Judge Mackenzie retired from the practice of the law. Mr. Robb practiced alone for one year and then became senior member of the firm of Robb & Leete, which continued until his election to the probate bench, in 1894, on the Democratic ticket. During the six years of his incumbency, Judge Robb distinguished himself as a jurist of great ability and retired with the respect and admiration of the bench and bar and the commendation of his fellow-citizens.

Mr. Robb is a stanch Democrat and his party has pressed upon him offices of honor and responsibility. In 1903 he was elected mayor of Lima and again in 1905, being one of the most popular city executives Lima has ever had. He was elected in 1903 by a majority of 123; in the election two years later his majority was 1,031. He has served as president of the Board of Trade and is president of the South Side Building & Loan Association and of The First National Bank.

Mr. Robb was married January 21, 1894, to Mary C. Owens, and they have two children, viz.: Theodore J., Jr., born June 21, 1895, and Inez A. They enjoy the comforts of a beautiful home at No. 637 West Market street. Fraternally Mr. Robb is a member of Lima

Lodge, No. 205, F. & A. M.; and Lima Lodge, No. 162, B. P. O. E. His portrait accompanies this sketch.

**I**SAAC JONES, who resides on a well-cultivated farm in German township, was born in 1841, in Carnovanshire, North Wales, and is a son of Isaac and Jane (Thomas) Jones.

The parents of Mr. Jones were also natives of North Wales, and there the father died. The venerable mother, now almost 95 years old, continued to make her home in her native neighborhood. The two survivors of their family are: Isaac and his sister, Mary. Mary married (first) John Jones, the name being a very common one in Wales, and married (second) John Williams. They reside in Wales.

In June, 1867, Isaac Jones emigrated to America and came to Lima, Ohio. He then settled on a farm in Sugar Creek township, from which he moved in 1882 to his present farm in German township. He has always lived in Allen County since coming to this part of the United States, and is one of the intelligent, good citizens of German township, where he has lived in harmony with his neighbors for 23 years. He is a Republican in his political convictions, and in 1904 was elected township trustee, the first one of his party ever so honored in German township.

Mr. Jones was married February 27, 1871, at Gomer, Ohio, to Mary Jones, who is a daughter of Edward Jones, a native of Wales who upon coming to Ohio settled first in Butler County, removing to Allen County in 1861. Our subject and wife have three children, viz: Edward H., born at Gomer, July 21, 1872, who was married April 12, 1898, to Delia Wilson and is connected with the Buckeye Pipe Line Company; Ellen, born June 19, 1874, residing at home; and Lewis Thomas, born October 20, 1876. The last named resides at home engaged in farming. He was married July 27, 1904, to Lulu Patterson, a daughter of William H. Patterson, a farmer living near LaFayette.





Mr. Jones is a deacon in the Welsh Congregational Church, of Gomer. In 1904 he gave himself the pleasure of a trip to his native land to visit his aged mother. It was a delightful renewing of old ties and recalling of old associations.



WILLIAM McCOMB, JR., formerly mayor of the city of Lima for a period covering 10 years, and now the local representative of some of the leading insurance companies, was born in Rockland County, New York, January 29, 1851, and was one of two children born to his parents, William and Sarah (Sands) McComb.

The father of Mr. McComb was born in Ireland, where he was trained to be a weaver of linen goods. In young manhood he came to the United States and at the time of the birth of our subject was a resident of Rockland County, New York. In 1862 he came to Allen County and settled at Lima, where he lived the remainder of his life, his death occurring in 1900.

William McComb, Jr., was educated in the common schools and his attainment of prominent position has been the result of his own efforts. In young manhood he learned the molder's trade and worked in an iron foundry for a number of years. He had always been rather active in politics, being a young man of wide-awake intelligence, and thus he attracted the attention of Postmaster Parmenter, in 1873, and was chosen by him as his assistant. He served in this capacity until 1876, when a change in the administration caused his removal. Mr. McComb then engaged in the grocery business at Lima for several years, but subsequently returned to his trade as an iron worker.

About this time he was elected as the representative of the *Cincinnati Gazette* at Lima, and he continued to further the interests of this journal until 1884, when he was chosen as mayor of Lima. Although he took up the reins of office with little previous preparation in the way of public service, he pleased the people

and they re-elected him in 1886, again in 1888, in 1892 and finally in 1900, at the expiration of his last term, he retired from the municipal chair in order to give more attention to his insurance business, which he had established in 1890. This he has continued to develop until he represents many of the old, sound and reliable companies of the country among which may be mentioned: the American, of Newark, New Jersey; Reliance, of Philadelphia; National Union, of Pittsburg; United States Fire, of New York; Columbia, of Dayton, Ohio; Phoenix, of Brooklyn; Glens Falls, of New York; New Hampshire, of Manchester, New Hampshire; Security, of New Haven, Connecticut; Anchor, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and German, of Indianapolis, Indiana.

Mr. McComb was united in marriage with Francis E. Bitner. Both he and his wife are active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. They have a pleasant home at No. 213 North Elizabeth street, while his office is at No. 202½ North Main street.

Politically Mr. McComb is a Republican. Fraternally he is a member of the Odd Fellows.

Personally Mr. McComb is held in very high regard at Lima. During 10 very important years of the city's life he held the controlling power, and during this period many of the city's most important improvements were made and her leading utilities furthered. While the dominating factor, he was always noted for his open mind, and between him and the other members of the city government there was accord which resulted in general welfare for the public.




JOHN ELSWORTH EVERSOLE, a director of the Allen County Infirmary, is a resident of section 28, Jackson township, where he owns and cultivates 80 acres of land. He was born on this farm June 2, 1862, and is a son of Lemuel and Sarah (Nash) Eversole, who reside on the adjoining farm. He is the fourth in a family of 12 children, eight of whom are living.

Mr. Eversole was brought up on the farm,



and at the age of 18 learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed until about 12 years ago, when he went to Dinwiddie County, Virginia. While there he worked at his trade the first year and spent the second in farming. He then returned to Allen County and purchased from his father the 80 acre tract upon which he now resides and which is a well-improved farm. Mr. Eversole was married in 1883 to Jennie Hefner, daughter of Jacob and Christina (Holman) Hefner, whose sketch and portraits appear elsewhere in this work. Mr. and Mrs. Eversole have six children, namely: Carrie Ethel; Mary Gertrude; Hazel Florence; Donald Virginia; John Wesley; and Arvard Carl. Donald Virginia was born in the State of Virginia. Mr. Eversole is a member of the Christian Church of LaFayette; and of Jackson Lodge, No. 846, I. O. O. F. and Lima Encampment. He is a Republican in politics. Since his election as a director of the County Infirmary, he has devoted the greater part of his time to his official duties, as he believes in doing thoroughly whatever work he undertakes.

ORGAN THOMAS, president of The Lima Creamery and Cold Storage Company, has been a resident of Lima, for a period of 23 years and is one of those hustling energetic citizens who form the backbone of commerce and incite others to a spirit of progressive emulation. He was born in New York City, September 19, 1839, and was there reared and educated. For 18 years he was engaged in the shoe business in his native city, but in 1871 removed to Sidney, Ohio, where he embarked in the butter and egg business. Meeting with success there, he extended the business to Lima, to which city he moved in 1882. Here the company was M. Thomas & Son and they added dealing in poultry to their operations. The business is conducted on an extensive scale and is exclusively wholesale, with branch stores at Sidney, Bluffton, and Leipsic, Ohio. The amount of butter, eggs, dressed and live poultry that pass through

their hands amounts to from \$250,000 to \$300,000 annually, and requires from 60 to 75 employees during the winter and from 25 to 35 in summer. Mr. Thomas is also interested in the produce business in Boston, Massachusetts, being a member of the wholesale commission house of Griffin, Thomas, Paine & Company.

Morgan Thomas was a member of the New York militia during the Civil War, and was called out with his command to quell the riots in New York City, and also when Lee invaded Pennsylvania. He is a member of the G. A. R. He was a member of the School Board of Sidney during his residence there, and was in the City Council of Lima for two years. He is a deacon of the First Baptist Church. He has been twice married—first to Diana Unkenholz, who died in 1866, leaving two sons, Charles E. and Joseph M., the latter of whom is engaged in the wholesale commission business in Boston. His second union was with a sister of his first wife—Joanna Unkenholz, who died in July, 1905, leaving three children, namely: Benjamin F., president of the Lima Pork Packing Company; Frank A., who travels for the same company; and Elizabeth E., wife of Rev. William J. Fitzgerald, of Philadelphia.


CHARLES E. THOMAS, treasurer and general manager of The Lima Creamery & Cold Storage Company is the eldest son of Morgan and Diana (Unkenholz) Thomas, and was born in the city of New York in 1863. He was a lad of eight years when his parents located in Sidney, and there he received his education, after which he entered his father's commission house as a clerk. Two or three years later he was made manager of the business, and remained in this capacity four years. When the family removed to Lima, he became bookkeeper in the business which his father had established here the year previous. In 1885 or 1886 he was again sent to Sidney to take charge of the branch office as general manager, remaining here three years, when he returned to Lima where he has since resided. In 1901 The Lima Creamery & Cold Storage Company was incorporated, with a capital stock of \$60,000, and the following officers elected: President, Mor-





gan Thomas; vice-president and secretary, S. Miller; treasurer and general manager, Charles E. Thomas.

Charles E. Thomas was married in 1885 to Harriett G. Dann, daughter of Jonathan Dann, now deceased, who was for many years prominently identified with the manufacturing interests of Sidney. Their children are: Paul M., attending school at Mount Hermon, Massachusetts; Mary D., and Lois. Mr. Thomas is a member of the First Baptist Church, of Lima, and is serving on its official board.

RANKLIN ROUSH, owner and proprietor of the "Clover Leaf Farm," which is situated in section 28, Bath township, was born in Juniata County, Pennsylvania, October 1, 1838, and is a son of Henry and Elizabeth (Morehead) Roush.

The Roush family originated in Germany. George Roush, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Union County, Pennsylvania. There his son Henry was born, December 25, 1803. He died here at the age of 78 years. During a few years of his early manhood he followed the trade of blacksmith, but the remainder of his life was spent in agricultural pursuits. He was at one time captain of a company of State militia. Politically he was a Democrat; in religion, a Lutheran. He was a hard-working man, honest and upright, and left 100 acres of good land to his family. He married Elizabeth Morehead, who belongs to a Pennsylvania-Dutch community. She died when our subject was only four years old, the mother of these children: George, of Michigan; John, of Lima; Joseph, of Macon, Georgia; Katherine (Copeland) of Lima; William, who died in Kansas; Henry, of Iowa; Franklin, of this sketch; Philip, of Allen County; and Jacob, of Illinois. The father married again and the children of his second union were: Theodore, of Lima; Jane (Boose), deceased; Emma (Roberts), of Bath township; and Ephraim, of Bath township.

Franklin Roush remained in Pennsylvania until his father moved to a farm in Bath town-

ship, about 1851. Being 13 years old at that time, he was able to give considerable assistance about the farm, where he remained until he was 17 years old. He then went to Iowa where he stayed one year. At that time a large part of the present populous State was nothing but a wilderness and where he stayed while in Iowa was so secluded that it could only be reached by ox teams. It took him a month to make the trip over the 1,000 miles of road. He worked in the wilderness for one year and then turned eastward and proceeded as far as Illinois, where he took the cars and came home. Two years he spent here and then went back to Illinois and spent a summer, and in the following spring, when the Civil War broke out, he was one of the first in his neighborhood to offer his services to his country.

Mr. Roush enlisted in April, 1861, from Greenville, Darke County, Ohio, entering Company K, 11th Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf., under Captain Newkirk. During his four months of service he was not out of the State, but before he was discharged he assisted in the building of Camp Dennison. He was then taken sick and for a whole year he was in poor health, or he would have immediately re-entered the army. He farmed for a time but in the spring of 1865 he again enlisted, this time in Company D, 192nd Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf., under Captain Lybrand, and was sent with his regiment to guard Harper's Ferry. He was mustered out on September 1, 1865. For the following 12 years Mr. Roush lived at Lima, working at first for others; but later establishing a business of his own in the manufacture of wood stirrups and saddle trees. For three years he was in partnership with Messrs. King and Day, and the business was prosperous, furnishing employment for 29 hands, 1876 being the banner year. Subsequently Mr. Roush bought out his partners and continued the business alone for a number of years.

After disposing of his interests at Lima, he removed to the homestead farm which he operated for two and a half years. In 1880 he bought his present farm of 142½ acres in section 28, Bath township. He named his farm "Clover Leaf" and for six years he ran the "Clover Leaf Dairy," building up a great repu-





tation for his products. His land is very valuable for all purposes. Oil has been found here, and of the 10 wells that have been sunk six are in active operation. He is engaged in general farming and stock-raising, but also enjoys an income from a fine stone quarry on the place and runs a crusher to prepare stone for road purposes. He is a man of a great deal of energy and understands how to turn all his advantages to excellent account.

In 1862 Mr. Roush was married to Mahala Harvey, of Allen County, who is a daughter of George and Nancy Harvey, and they have a fine family of children, named as follows: Willis, living at home; John F., of California, who has one son; Bertha Ellen, who married Charles Mumaugh, of Bath township and has six children; Araminta, living at home; William, a traveling salesman, who has one child; Mary, living at home; Alanson George, of Cleveland; Oliver S., of Lima, who has one child; James Delbert, of Cleveland, who has two children; Ina Pearl, who married Harry Lewis and has one son; and Grace May, living at home. The last named, the 11th member of the family, shares this distinction with both her mother and grandmother.

Mr. Roush has always been a Democrat, and on numerous occasions he has been elected to office. He has been township trustee for six years and has been assessor, councilman and a school official in Lima and in Bath township. He is one of the comrades of Mart Armstrong Post, No. 202, G. A. R., at Lima. For a number of years he has been a member of the Christian Church, of which he is one of the deacons.

Mr. Roush is a man of sterling character and is truly representative of the best type of Allen County farmers and first-class citizens.

**P**HILLIP KEIL, one of the highly respected retired business men of Lima, and one of the city's capitalists, was born in Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany, July 26, 1842. His parents were Sebastian and Josephine (Miller) Keil.

The parents of Mr. Keil remained throughout their lives in Germany where they were re-

spected residents of Hessen-Darmstadt. They had a family of 11 children, seven of whom came to America.

When Phillip Keil came to the United States in 1860, he was a well-informed, well-educated young man of 18 years, equipped with a knowledge of the cabinet-maker's trade. He followed this trade first in Marion County, Ohio. He located in Lima in 1861 and followed his trade until he retired from active work. He was a man skilled in his trade and prospered exceedingly. Wise investments brought him large returns and he became known as an extensive manufacturer and as a large property owner. He erected a number of buildings, notably a substantial business block on Main street. A large portion of his time for the past few years has been taken up with looking after his various holdings and investments.

On January 30, 1866, Mr. Keil was united in marriage with Elizabeth Amelung, who was born in Germany and is a daughter of Charles and Mary Amelung, who came to America and settled in Allen County in 1854. Mr. and Mrs. Keil have had these children: Josephine, wife of Charles Schrader, of Lima; Mary, wife of Lawrence Townsend, of Lima; Mildred, wife of Stephen Churchill, of Lima; Clara, wife of P. M. Magley, of Kenton, Ohio; Elizabeth, wife of Dr. Frank Steiner, of Lima; and a babe which died in infancy.

Mr. Keil has always been considered a man of sound business judgment. He has been a good citizen and enjoys the respect and friendly regard of his neighbors and fellow-citizens.

**E**MUEL EVERSOLE, a prominent agriculturist of Jackson township, residing on his farm in section 28, represents the sturdy, independent spirit of our American manhood which has overcome all obstacles encountered in the highways of life and has made our people honored and respected among the nations of the world. Left an orphan in early childhood, he has worked his way, unaided, to an independent position. He is one of the large land-owners of Allen County, having 360 acres of well-im-





GEORGE HALL, D. D. S.





proved land, upon which he makes his home. Mr. Eversole was born October 30, 1829, in Perry County, Ohio, and is a son of Peter and Rebecca (Snyder) Eversole, being one of seven children that grew to adult years, viz: Eliza, Catherine, Francis, Nancy, Lemuel, Rebecca and Daniel.

When our subject was a child of two years, his parents moved to Sandusky County where they died four years later, in 1835, within a month of each other. Left alone in the world, Lemuel was taken into the home of his uncle, John Eversole, of Perry County, where he remained until he was 17. Educational opportunities were meagre and consisted of a short term of schooling each winter. He was apprenticed to learn the carpenter's trade, and for the three years thus engaged was given his clothes and \$30. Within three months after his time had expired, he was on his way to California to seek his fortune in the gold fields. During the two years spent in mining and gold-washing, he did not make a fortune and decided to return to his native State. In the spring of 1852 he came to Allen County where he purchased a tract of wild land and secured work for the winter in the cabinet-shop of Musser & Winn, of Lima. For another six years he worked at his trade in the eastern part of the county, living frugally and saving his earnings so that he was able, by selling his first purchase, to buy his present property. In 1872 he built a large, substantial bank barn, and three years later his pleasant brick home, one of the most attractive in the county.

He was married July 8, 1855, to Sarah Nash, who was born July 11, 1837, and was a daughter of Thomas and Rebecca (Akins) Nash, early settlers of this county. They were the parents of 12 children, viz: George W., Eliza J., wife of L. B. Harrod; Frank J., John E., Charles A., Elva C., Daniel B., Nettie B., Lemuel N., Aura D., Ralph and a child that died in infancy. Mr. Eversole is a member of the Christian Church. He is a Republican and a veteran of the Civil War, having enlisted as a 100 day man in May, 1864, in Company A, 151st Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf., under Captain King, of Del-

phos, with the rank of 2nd corporal. Mr. Eversole is a prominent Odd Fellow. He has served as township trustee and on the School Board and has never failed to put his shoulder to the wheel when the voice of duty called him.

**G**EORGE HALL, D. D. S., one of Lima's leading professional men and formerly postmaster of this city for a period of nine years, whose portrait is shown on the opposite page, was born in 1842 in Iowa, and is a son of the late Harrison Hall, who was once the leading contractor in this city, dying here in 1902 at the age of 88 years.

George Hall was educated at Cornell College, Mount Vernon, Iowa, and began the study of medicine and dentistry with Dr. Carhart, of that city. At the outbreak of the Civil War, although but 18 years of age and with a promising career before him in professional life, he enlisted in the three months' service but was not mustered in the United States service because the Iowa quota was filled. The Doctor then re-enlisted in the three years' service on the call for 300,000 men. Dr. Hall's entire term of service covered four years and four months, at the close of the first three years re-enlisting as a veteran. The young soldier participated in all the battles in which his command was engaged until July 22, 1864, when in front of Atlanta, he was made a prisoner of war, the entire command being captured at the same time. As a prisoner he was remanded to Andersonville where three wretched months were spent; three of almost equal misery were passed at Florence, South Carolina, and one month at Charleston, where on the third attempt he accomplished his escape. This was done by jumping from a moving train near Wilmington, North Carolina.

Dr. Hall had then been imprisoned just seven months to a day, and did not purpose being again subjected to the horrors from which he had escaped. Cautiously he made his way to Wilmington, then occupied by the Confederates, and fortunately found a Union family





willing to secrete him and give him necessary food and raiment. After remaining with these good Samaritans for six days, the city was taken by the Federal forces, and as soon as possible he reported to the commander, General Perry. The exposure brought on a violent illness and he was sent to the hospital at Annapolis, where he spent 2 months. His honorable discharge was received on July 21, 1865, at Louisville, Kentucky.

Dr. Hall then joined his parents at Lima, whither they had removed during the war, and as soon as he was fully restored to health he established a dental practice in which he has virtually been engaged since 1867, although much of his time has been occupied in the discharge of duties of a public nature. President Harrison appointed him postmaster at Lima and he served also under Presidents McKinley and Roosevelt, having always been more or less prominent in political matters in this section of the State. The affairs of his city have also claimed his interest. He has frequently been elected a member of the City Council and has been president of that body. He served two terms on the Board of Education of Lima, and among thoughtful citizens he is recognized as one of the strong men of the community.

In 1875 Dr. Hall was married to E. Virginia Hackedorn, who is a daughter of George G. Hackedorn, long engaged in a banking business here. Fraternally, Dr. Hall is prominent in Masonry, belonging to the Blue Lodge, Council, Chapter and Commandery at Lima. He is also an Odd Fellow. He has been one of the moving spirits in Grand Army circles here; has been commander of Mart Armstrong Post, No. 202, and has served as a member of the administrative committee of the Department of Ohio, G. A. R.

**J**R. MORRIS, who was recently elected mayor of Elida, is a member of the firm of Morris Brothers, dealers in general merchandise and in staple and fancy groceries, and was born in Elida June 17, 1875, and is a son of the late J. N. Morris.

The father of Mr. Morris was born in Ross

County, Ohio, a son of James Madison Morris, who served in the Mexican War with credit and was also a sergeant in the Civil War. In 1853 J. N. Morris, when four years of age, came to Allen County and for 30 years was a successful business man of Elida. He died October 18, 1904.

J. R. Morris was reared and educated at Elida and taught school for six years in German and Sugar Creek townships, during the last year serving as assistant principal of the Elida schools. In June, 1904, he resigned this position in order to more closely devote his attention to his pressing business interests, having been connected for three years with the furniture house of J. W. Rowlands, of Lima. The firm of Morris Brothers is made up of J. R. and O. B. Morris and they have the control of the largest establishment of its kind and the greatest volume of business in the town of Elida.

Mr. Morris has always been a zealous Democrat and on this ticket he was elected, in November, 1905, mayor of Elida, by a majority of 58 votes. This is in the nature of a personal triumph as he is the first mayor ever elected here on a straight Democratic ticket.

In 1899 Mr. Morris was married to Alma T. Curtis, who is a daughter of T. J. Curtis, formerly a soldier of the Civil War, now a farmer of German township. Mr. and Mrs. Morris belong to the United Brethren Church, in which both take an active interest, Mr. Morris being superintendent of the Sunday-school. His fraternal connection is with the Odd Fellows and the Knights of the Maccabees.



**W**ILLIAM C. AUGSBURGER, manager and half owner of the Arras Cream Separator Company, of Bluffton, was born at Bluffton, August 23, 1874, and has been a continuous resident of the town. His parents are Frederick and Sophia (Villiard) Augsburger.

The father of our subject was born in Switzerland and came to Bluffton with his parents when a child of six years. He married in Wayne County, Ohio, and both he and his wife reside at Bluffton. Their children are: Wil-



liam C., of this sketch; Lulu, wife of Ross Bogart, of Bluffton; Elfa, wife of Frank Moran, of Mount Cory, Ohio, and Elmer, still at school.

While our subject was still a pupil at school, he assisted in his own maintenance, employing his spare time in selling newspapers. When 21 years of age, his small earnings having been saved by his careful mother, he was able to buy a lot and was prepared to build a house on it. The thrift taught him by his excellent mother has assisted greatly in his success as a business man. When 16 years old he left school and clerked in a hardware store for a year and a half at Beaver Dam and for the same period at Kenton, and then for eight years at Bluffton for John Fett. In 1901, with Mr. Fett, he entered into partnership in the manufacture of cream separators and they formed the company which does such a large business under the name of the Arras Cream Separator Company. Employment is given 15 competent persons at the factory, and it is one of the town's flourishing industries.

In 1895, Mr. Augsburger was married to Belle Lewis, who was born at Bluffton, and is a daughter of W. I. and Eliza Lewis. They have four children, viz.: Hazel, Donald, Howard and Villiard.

In political affiliation, Mr. Augsburger has always been a Democrat. He has taken an active part in local affairs, is a member of the Town Council and is chairman of the finance committee. Fraternally he belongs to two organizations—the Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America. He is one of the leading business men of the community.

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**J**AMES M. LIPPINCOTT, a prominent farmer of Monroe township, living in section 36, was born at Rockport, Ohio, May 11, 1851. He is a son of James T. and Mary A. (Kidd) Lippincott, both deceased. His paternal grandfather, Morgan Lippincott, entered a large body of land north of Lima, where he engaged in farming.

James T. Lippincott was born in Cham-

paign County, Ohio, but came to Allen County with his parents at the age of 13 and continued to live here until his 69th year, when his spirit passed into the great beyond. He was a farmer and also shipped stock quite extensively; and, being a money-maker, he accumulated 320 acres of land. He married Mary A. Kidd, who was born at Mansfield, Richland County, this State, and who died at the age of 71 years. Two brothers survive her—Nathaniel, who is in his 94th year and resides at Columbus Grove, and Wesley, who resides in Illinois and is a minister of the Methodist Protestant Church. Mrs. Lippincott was the mother of 12 children, six of whom have died. Those living are: Charles, of Columbus Grove; Joseph, of Putnam County; Rena (Marshall), of Columbus Grove; Dora (Lora), of Monroe township; Ina (Bogardus), of Lima; and James M.

James M. Lippincott was brought up on the farm, but was given all the advantages of a good, practical education, going from the district schools to the Ohio Normal University at Ada, where he studied one year. While there he was a prime factor in organizing the Philo Literary Society, of which he was a charter member. After leaving college, he taught school one term, and during the '70's began the manufacture of tile, his factory being the first in the vicinity and one of the first in the county. In 1873 he purchased his present farm, upon which he has erected substantial buildings and made many improvements. The 80 acres upon which he lives is located in section 36, Monroe township, while 40 acres lie in section 31, and 60 acres in section 34, Richland township. This farm is one of those historic spots which abound in Ohio, the spring from which Crawford took his last drink before he was carried away prisoner by the Indians being located here. This was also the camping ground of the Indians, some of whom are buried beneath the sod on this farm; many interesting relics have been found by Mr. Lippincott.

On February 6, 1873, Mr. Lippincott was married to Mary E. Stewart, who was born in Monroe township, Allen County, Ohio, November 2, 1853, and is a daughter of Alexander and Sarah Jane (Rockhill) Stewart. Her father was born July 26, 1818, in Highland







County, Ohio, and the mother was a native of New Jersey. Mr. and Mrs. Lippincott are the parents of two children, Otis T. and Eugene T., both of whom give promise of a brilliant future. The elder son, Otis, was graduated from the law school of the Ohio Normal University at Ada and is now practicing his profession at Lima, where he is associated with Mr. Sprague under the firm name of Sprague & Lippincott. Eugene, the younger son, was graduated from the Ohio Normal University at Ada and the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, after which he attended the Western Reserve Law School at Cleveland for one year and then matriculated at the University of Chicago, where he is preparing for admission to the legal profession. Mr. Lippincott has been a member of the Prohibition party since its inception in 1876, and has taken an active part in its advancement. Besides being chairman of the executive committee of Allen County and attending many of the conventions as a delegate, he has allowed his name to be used as candidate for several county offices, for the Legislature and for probate judge. He is a member of the Beaver Dam Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he is a steward and has been a trustee for 30 years. He is the efficient superintendent of the Sunday-school, which position he has held for a number of years.

**A**LBERT HEFNER, who recently completed a term of three years on the Board of County Commissioners, a portion of this period serving as president of the board, was born in Delaware County, Ohio, October 23, 1839, and is a son of David and Frances (Frederick) Hefner.

The parents of Mr. Hefner were natives of Pennsylvania. In 1840 they came to Allen County, Ohio, where the father engaged in agricultural pursuits until the close of his life. He reared a family of eight children, all of whom are well settled in life.

Albert Hefner was reared a farmer boy and was educated in the public schools of Bath township. His life has been mainly spent as a

farmer and stock-raiser and he still owns a fine estate, although his official duties prevent his close supervision of its operation. He has always been one of the county's intelligent, public-spirited men and for many years has been a force in politics. As a leading Democrat he has filled a number of local offices and in 1901 was elected a member of the Board of County Commissioners and was honored by being chosen as president of that important body. His term expired in September, 1905. His services on the board were eminently satisfactory to the public.

Mr. Hefner was married October 20, 1893, to Emma B. Ziler, a daughter of John Ziler, a well-known citizen of Allen County, and they have three children—Ruth, Esther and James E. The family belong to the Christian Church.

**F**REDERICK G. STUEBER, M. D., oculist and aurist, at Lima, is a native of Germany, a country which has contributed largely to the ranks of scientists in the United States, and particularly to the medical profession. He was born May 18, 1860, being one of the two sons born to his parents, Andrew J. and Catherine (Marx) Stueber. His only brother, Louis J. Stueber, also an eminent physician of Lima, died December 8, 1904.

Frederick G. Stueber was seven years old when he came to America and he was reared and mainly educated in American institutions. His home has been at Lima since 1867. After preliminary preparation he entered Rush Medical College, Chicago, where he was graduated in 1882. Subsequently he took post-graduate courses in Chicago and New York and in various cities of Germany, spending a year in his native land. Dr. Stueber is a man of high attainments in his profession and keeps thoroughly informed through attendance on the sessions of the various leading medical societies, having membership in Allen County Medical Society, the Ohio State Medical Society, the Northwestern Ohio Medical Association, the American Medical Association and the American Ophthalmic-Oto-Laryngological So-





EBENEZER B. GOBLE





ciety, meeting and exchanging views and experiences with the most notable men of medical science in the country.

Dr. Stueber was united in marriage with Emma Moser, a sketch of whose father will be found in this volume. Dr. and Mrs. Stueber have two children, namely: Paul, who is taking a collegiate course at Oberlin College; and Ruth, who is attending the Lima High School. They have a beautiful home at No. 502 West North street and Dr. Stueber has well-appointed offices in the Metropolitan Block. He limits his practice to diseases of the eye and ear. Politically he is identified with the Republican party. Fraternally he is a Knight of Pythias. He and his family belong to the German Reformed Church, of Lima.

**E**BENEZER B. GOBLE, one of the representative farmers and valued citizens of Richland township, who resides on his well improved farm of 80 acres in section 27, belongs to one of the fine old pioneer families of this township. He was born within one mile of his present home on the 29th of November, 1848, and is a son of George W. and Jane (Allison) Goble.

George Washington Goble, father of our subject, was born in Washington County, Pennsylvania, March 20, 1819, and is a son of Daniel L. and Elizabeth (Dilly) Goble, the third of their family of seven children. George W. was 14 years of age when he accompanied his parents overland to Allen County, his new home being in the vicinity of Bluffton. In his early manhood he taught school for some winters, but devoted the greater part of his time to practical farming. On September 16, 1841, he married Margaret Fenton, who died shortly after, and on June 16, 1845, he was united to Laura Ackley. She also lived but a short time and on March 26, 1848, Mr. Goble married, as his third wife, Jane Allison. The children of this marriage were: Ebenezer B.; Allen B., deceased, at the age of 41 years; Mrs. Martha

Jane Yerger, of Bluffton; and Charles, of Richland township.

After his marriage, George W. Goble settled on a farm of 160 acres, which was a gift from his father, and to this he subsequently added two tracts of 80 acres each. He cleared and developed the greater portion of the property, of which he has retained 75 acres, his children enjoying the remainder. He has many old papers and records, not only of this neighborhood, but some that have descended from his grandfather, Ebenezer Goble; the latter was born in New Jersey, of French parents, who spelled the family name Goble. George W. Goble has lived on his farm in Richland township for the past 64 years, and is one of its most venerable citizens.

Ebenezer B. Goble has spent the years of a useful and busy life almost entirely in Richland township. He remained on the paternal homestead until his 30th year, and then settled on his present farm, which was given him by his father. He has cleared 32 acres and has made many valuable and substantial improvements thereon. In 1881 he erected his comfortable and convenient family home, and in 1886 completed the large barn and other buildings. He conducts general farming, but within the past three years his property has greatly advanced in value, on account of the discovery of oil, eight wells having been developed within this period.

Mr. Goble was married August 21, 1879, to Christianna Rummell, who was born in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, August 1, 1849, and is a daughter of Francis and Mary (Hall) Rummell, the former a native of Ohio, and the latter of New Jersey. Two children were born to our subject and wife, viz: Earl, who died in infancy; and Mary Blanche, who is the wife of J. A. Badertscher, of Athens, Ohio.

The father of Mr. Goble has been a staunch Democrat since 1840, but our subject affiliates with no party, voting independently and consenting to fill only school offices in his township. He belongs to the lodge of Odd Fellows at Beaver Dam. For many years he has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. His portrait is shown on a preceding page.



**O**RRIE HERRINGTON, residing on the old family homestead in section 5, Shawnee township, is extensively engaged in dairying, conducting the "Model Dairy" in partnership with his brother Reuben, under the firm name of Herrington Brothers. He embarked in this business some five years ago and has two milk routes in Lima. He keeps from 12 to 20 milch cows on the farm, and in addition buys milk to supply his trade.

The Herrington farm, pleasantly located on the Spencerville road, about five miles from Lima, is one of the best in its section of the county. A handsome two-story residence has been erected in recent years, which in arrangement, construction and finish compares favorably with modern city homes. It is finished in hard wood throughout, the parlor and lower hall being in quarter-sawed oak.

Mr. Herrington was born in Allen County, and is a son of James Horace and Catherine (Andrews) Herrington, and a grandson of Reuben Herrington, who was a native of Pennsylvania.

James H. Herrington was born in Lewistown, Pennsylvania, October 22, 1851, and was three years old when his mother died, being thereafter reared by his maternal grandfather, Abel Davis. He was seven years old when brought to Allen County, his grandparents locating in South Lima. They subsequently located in Bath township, where he lived until he reached the age of 19. He then went to Altoona, Pennsylvania, and served an apprenticeship at the painter's trade. Returning to Lima, he followed his trade four or five years. He then engaged in farming at Allentown for some time and from there moved to the Kesler farm. In 1888, he located upon his present property.

In 1876 James H. Herrington was married to Catherine Andrews who was born in Allen County, Ohio, and is a daughter of Isaac and Mary (Ireland) Andrews. Her father was born in Ross county, Ohio, April 6, 1830, and was 10 years old when he accompanied his father, Thomas Andrews, to Allen County, the latter dying on the old Andrews farm in Shawnee

township. Isaac Andrews also farmed on this place until his death July 5, 1886, which resulted from injuries sustained in a run-away. He married Mary Ireland, who was born in Ohio and came to Allen County with her father Charles Ireland, when about four years old. They had two children: Charles T. who now lives on the old Andrews homestead; and Catherine, mother of our subject.

To Mr. and Mrs. Herrington were born the following children: Orrie; Clara, who died in December, 1903; Reuben, in partnership with our subject and living in Lima, who married Pansy Owen, of Urbana, Ohio; Laura, living at home, who was graduated from the Lima High School in 1903; Hugh, who lives in Lima; Homer, who lives on the home place; and Irma, who lives at home and attends school. Religiously, the family are Methodists.



MILTON C. CRAIG, deceased, was a resident of Ohio from 1856 until his death, which took place April 2, 1902. He was closely identified with railroad construction in the early days and later was a well-known and successful business man of Lima. Mr. Craig was born at Beaver, Beaver County, Pennsylvania, February 20, 1821, and was a son of Samuel and Elizabeth Craig.

The parents of Mr. Craig were natives of Pennsylvania. They reared six children, and when the Civil War broke out gave three sons to the support of the Union cause. These have long since passed away, although they survived the dangers of the battle-field.

Prior to coming to Ohio, Mr. Craig had attended school in his native State, had carried on farming and milling and had married and become a man of family. When he came to this locality, the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railway was in course of construction and he helped to lay the rails on this great transportation line and then entered the employ of the Dayton & Michigan Railroad Company, with which he was connected for 18 years. In 1881 he came to Lima, established his







permanent home here and later opened up a feed mill on East Market street, with which he continued to be connected during the remainder of his active life. He was a man of business stability and of personal integrity.

In 1898 Mr. Craig married Mrs. Elizabeth Chew, who was born in Ohio and who still survives, residing in a very pleasant and comfortable home at No. 402 McPherson street, Lima. Mr. Craig by his first marriage had six children—Samuel, Sarah and Grace still survive and Harvey, William and Ellen are deceased. Mrs. Craig had two children by her union with Archibald Chew—of whom Irvin Chew, D. D. S., survives and resides in Toledo, Ohio. Laura married Edison Kuenzli and at her death left four children.



WILLIAM M. FLETCHER, M. D., prominent physician and business man of Lima, of two decades ago, whose promising career was cut short at the early age of 34 years, was born in 1854 in Dalton, Wayne County, Ohio, and is a son of William and Ann Eliza (Moffitt) Fletcher.

The late Dr. Fletcher was of Irish ancestry, both of his parents having been born in Ireland. The family was founded in Ohio by his grandfather, who came from Ireland at an early day and settled in Wayne County, Ohio, in 1833, where he reared a large family. Dr. Fletcher was one in a family of eight children born to his parents, namely: Belle, Ella, Frances, Wesley, William M., Charles, John and Emma.

Dr. Fletcher obtained his literary education in the local schools and very early in life decided to study medicine. Much of his earlier reading was done without special direction but it was no less thorough, and he prepared for and later took a course of lectures at the P. M. Medical Institute at Cincinnati. He began his practice among his old friends at Dalton, but two years later removed to Auglaize County, Ohio, and there engaged in practice for almost five years. In the fall of 1884 Dr. Fletcher came to South Lima and opened a first-class drug-

store, giving it the name of the "South Lima Drug Store." This he continued to conduct in association with his practice until his death, which took place July 22, 1888. Few men were better known in his section of the city. He did much in the way of charity and at all times was a liberal supporter of movements for the general welfare.

Dr. Fletcher married Pauline A. Herring, a daughter of William M. Herring. She survives him, together with two children: Carl J., of Lima, who married Borghild Zetlitz, November 15, 1905, and Bernice A., who lives with her mother in the pleasant family home at No. 719 South Elizabeth street.



CHRISTIAN U. AMSTUTZ, a well-known farmer of Allen County, and owner of 200 acres of land in section 3, Richland township, is a Frenchman by birth and an American by adoption. He was born August 28, 1829, and was five years of age when his parents, Ulrich and Barbara (Clay) Amstutz, came to this country. The father was a native of France and was twice married in that country. By the first union there were three children, one of whom died and the other two came with him to America; these were Mary and Anna Amstutz. His second wife was Barbara Clay, a native of Switzerland, by whom he had two children, Christian U. and John U., who resides in Richland township. The family landed in New York in 1834 and soon after settled in Ohio, locating in Wayne County in 1837. Later they moved to Allen County where they spent the remainder of their lives, the father dying at the age of 77 and the mother at the more advanced age of 95 years.

In 1854 Christian U. Amstutz moved to his present homestead, which at that time consisted of 80 acres of woodland, and built a rude log cabin as a home for himself and bride. He lost no time in clearing and getting his land under cultivation, and has added to the original purchase until he now owns 200 acres, 80 of which are in section 16. In 1866 he built his present commodious residence and the other



improvements he has effected make it in every way a desirable home. Grain is his principal crop.

Mr. Amstutz was married in 1854 to Fannie Neuenschwander, a native of Wayne County and a daughter of Ulrich and Elizabeth (Basinger) Neuenschwander, both of whom were natives of Germany. The following children were born to this union, viz.: Eli, who died in infancy; David, who resides in section 16, Richland township; Samuel, a widower, who with his daughter Paulina, lives with his father—his other child is dead; Christian D., who resides in Bluffton; Barbara, who lives at home; Adam, also living at home; Ulrich, who lives at home and is a teacher of vocal music; and Ephraim, who lives on an adjoining farm. Mrs. Amstutz, who died December 16, 1895, at the age of 66 years, 8 months and 11 days, was a woman of noble qualities and had scores of friends. Mr. Amstutz is a Democrat and has served as trustee of the township one term and as a member of the School Board for 12 years. He is a member of the Mennonite Church and for 28 years has been janitor of Ebenezer Mennonite Church, which he assisted in building.

**E**VAN L. THOMAS, cashier and general manager of Branch "A" of The Lima Trust Company, was born in Jay County, Indiana, in 1855, and is a son of Andrew J. Thomas, who was born in West Virginia in 1816. Andrew J. Thomas went to Indiana when 16 years old and engaged in farming until his death in 1892, at the age of 76 years. He was the youngest of a family of 13 children, whose average age at death was 77 years.

Evan L. Thomas received all the advantages of a superior education, attending Farmer's Academy in Jay County, then the Whitewater Academy, and finishing at the Indiana State Normal School at Terre Haute. In 1872 he engaged in teaching school, and, with an exception of two years, was thus employed for 25 consecutive years. He rapidly advanced in his profession, being superintendent of the schools at Sevastopol and West Richmond, and later

accepting a like position in the New Paris schools, Preble County, Ohio, where he remained seven years. He was recognized as one of the foremost educators of the State and was for years a member of the Preble County Board of School Examiners, being president of that body when he removed from the county. Having accepted a lucrative position with the O'Connor insurance agency, Mr. Thomas came to Lima in 1897 and acted as its representative until December 31, 1904, when this relation was dissolved and the next day he assumed his duties as cashier and general manager of Branch "A" of The Lima Trust Company. This is one of the strongest and most substantial banking institutions in Allen County, and the choice of the directors for the important office of manager of the branch was a most suitable one, as Mr. Thomas is abundantly qualified for the position.

Mr. Thomas was married October 13, 1887, to Lillie D. McPherson, daughter of George McPherson, a retired citizen of Preble County. They have two children—Earl W. and Minor M. Mr. Thomas is master of Lima Lodge, No. 205, F. & A. M.; high priest of Lima Chapter, No. 49, R. A. M.; and acting recorder of Shawnee Commandery, No. 14, K. T. of Lima; also a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Odd Fellows.

**W**ILLIAM J. WEMMER, vice-president of The Deisel-Wemmer Company, one of the largest cigar manufacturing concerns in the country and one of the most important industries of Lima, is a native of Germany, where he was born September 10, 1862.

Mr. Wemmer attended school in his native land and developed into early manhood at home, being one of a large family. When 19 years of age, he decided to emigrate to America in search of better industrial conditions than prevailed in his own section of Germany. After reaching the United States he lived for eight months in the city of New York, and then removed to Delaware, Ohio. There he was engaged in a cigar business for nearly five years, which he continued later at Toledo, coming to





Lima, in 1890. He first entered the employ of Henry Deisel and later formed a business association with the latter and, after the incorporation of the business in 1902, became vice-president of The Deisel-Wemmer Company. This important office he has since filled. The unusual expansion of the business made necessary the recently completed additions to their former large factory, which make it one of the prominent landmarks of this manufacturing city.

Mr. Wemmer, with Mr. Deisel and his brother, Henry G. Wemmer, deserve the high esteem in which they are held, for by their energy and enterprise they have developed a business, within the short space of 14 years, which overshadows almost every one of its kind in the country. In addition to his extensive interests here, Mr. Wemmer is connected with other successful Lima enterprises, and is also one of the city's public-spirited, broad-minded and liberal citizens.

Mr. Wemmer was married January 2, 1884, to Helen Rickert, who was also born in Germany and came to America in girlhood. They have three children—Pauline, Helen and William Henry. The family is connected with the German Reformed Church, in which Mr. Wemmer is a trustee.

Individually Mr. Wemmer has always been noted for his persistency, his energy and carefulness. He has many personal, as well as business, friends, and he is fraternally associated with the Elks, the Red Men, the Odd Fellows and the Traveling Men's Protective Association.

**E**DWARD J. MAIRE, who is prominent in the business life of Lima, is a member of the firm of Maire Brothers, extensively engaged in the production of oil. He is a son of Louis Maire, deceased, a native of France, who came to this country and settled in Crawford County, Pennsylvania, where Edward J. Maire was born and educated. His first business venture was as a merchant in Bolivar, New York, but so much money was being made in the oil industry all around him that he finally embarked in that line, putting his money in the Allegany (New

York) oil field from which he received handsome returns. Encouraged by this success, he extended his operations to the oil fields of Indiana, Ohio, Kansas, Indian Territory, and in fact to these of almost every State in the Union in which oil was known to exist, devoting his entire time and capital to his enterprises, with the most satisfactory results. It has been some eight years since Maire Brothers came to Lima and established an office, which now transacts a large volume of business. Their well-appointed headquarters are now in the Opera House Block, of which building they became the proprietors in November, 1905.

Mr. Maire has identified himself closely with the municipal interests, and is one of Lima's most public spirited citizens. He is a director of The Lima Trust Company and a solid, reliable business man. He is also a prominent Mason, being a member of the Knights Templar.

**H**ENRY DEISEL, president of The Deisel-Wemmer Company, cigar manufacturers, at Lima, and one of the city's leading business men, was born in Germany, in 1862, and is a son of Edward Deisel who spent his whole life in his native land.

Henry Deisel was 19 years of age when he came to America. He had received a good education and been instructed in the cigarmaking craft and soon after locating at Lima, in 1881, he found employment at his trade with Henry Sontag, a pioneer in that business here. He remained with Mr. Sontag for two years, and then was employed for a year by another firm, but by 1884 he was prepared to embark in business for himself. He continued an individual business until 1891 when, in association with his friends, Henry G. and William J. Wemmer, also practical cigarmakers, he formed a partnership which continued as Deisel & Wemmer until 1902, when the expansion of a great business made incorporation advisable. Through the energy and enterprise of Mr. Deisel and the Wemmer brothers, the establishment has become one of the largest cigar manufacturing houses in all this section. The present officers



of the corporation known as The Deisel-Wemmer Company are: Henry Deisel, president; William J. Wemmer, vice-president; Henry G. Wemmer, general manager and Robert J. Plate, secretary and treasurer.

In 1884 Mr. Deisel was married to Emma Wolf, who was born in Germany and is a daughter of J. B. Wolf. They have five children. Mr. Deisel and his wife are members of the German Reformed Church. He is a talented musician and is the director of the church choir.

Mr. Deisel's fraternal connections are with the Old Fellows, the Elks, the United Commercial Travelers, and the Traveling Men's Protective Association.

In addition to directing the policy of the immense business which he assisted in founding, Mr. Deisel is interested in a number of other successful enterprises. As a business man, Mr. Deisel stands deservedly high, and his career has been an almost unbroken line of successes. In the face of fierce competition, he has guided his great enterprise through every crisis, has outdistanced other firms and has established one of the important industries of this section, which is a credit to himself and a pride to the community.

**B.** CORE, who formerly conducted a first-class livery establishment at Lima, is an old and valued citizen and is also a survivor of the Civil War in which he bore an honorable part for three years. He was born at Erie, Pennsylvania, in June, 1847.

Mr. Core was three years old when his parents moved to Trumbull County, Ohio, and but a few years older when they removed to Morrow County. There he was reared to young manhood and was educated in the local schools. On the outbreak of the Civil War he was one of the first in his locality to indicate his willingness to take up arms for his country, enlisting in April, 1861, in Company A, 27th Reg., Indiana Vol. Inf., being mustered into the service at Indianapolis. He accompanied his regiment to Washington and during the winter of

1861-62 it was quartered at Fredericksburg, Maryland. In the spring it took an active part in the campaign in the Shenandoah Valley, and during his service there he was captured by the enemy at Antietam. Later he was paroled at Annapolis, Maryland, joined the Army of the West and at the close of his term of enlistment was mustered out at Annapolis.

Mr. Core returned to Ohio and engaged in business at Columbus until he came to Lima, where he was the pioneer in the secondhand goods business, conducting a store for four years. From that he embarked in the livery business in which he continued until the fall of 1905.

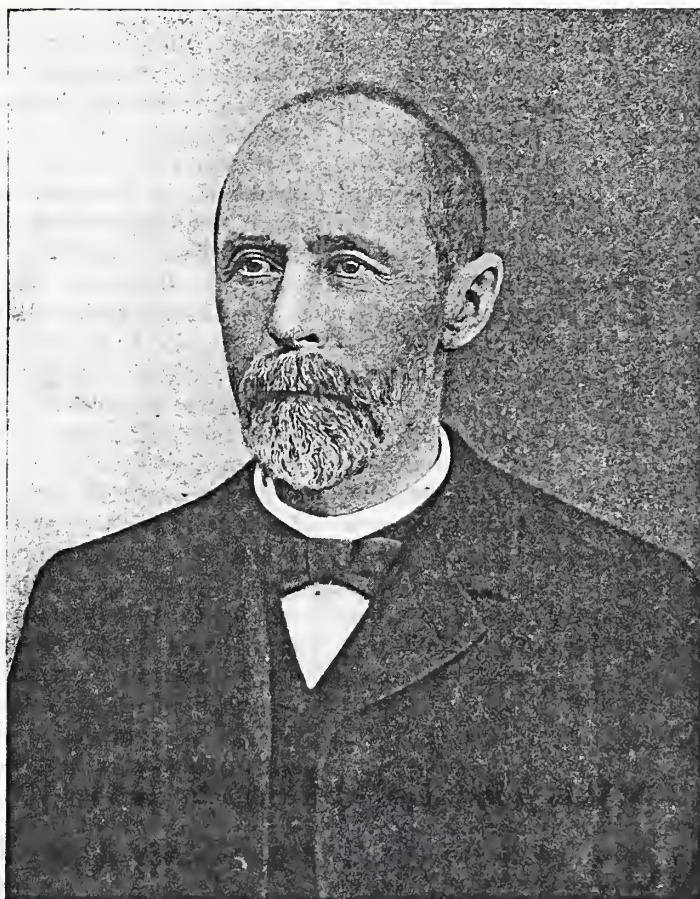
In 1869 Mr. Core was married to Martha Simpson and they have three children, viz.: William E., who is employed by a wholesale grocery firm of Chicago; Martha, who is the wife of George Strang, an electrician with the Automatic Telephone Company; and Stella, who married Elmer Collier and resides at No. 522 West High Street. Mrs. Core is a member of Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, of Lima.

**D.** N. GENGLER, justice of the peace at Landeck, and the owner of a fine farm of 320 acres of well-improved land in sections 2, 10 and 11, Marion township, and 40 additional acres in the adjoining township, and joint proprietor of the Landeck Tile Factory, was born in Germany, December 24, 1842, and is a son of Peter and Mary (Bonifas) Gengler.

Peter Gengler, emigrated to America in 1845 with his wife and our subject, Dominick, the eldest of the family of six children, the other survivors of which are: Louis, who is a notary public in Indiana; Felix, who resides near Coldwater; and Thomas, who is a farmer in Putnam County. Peter Gengler came to Ohio and located on a small tract of 50 acres, then in the woods of Seneca County, where he lived for 17 years, having with the help of his children, cleared and developed it into a fine farm. In 1863, after disposing of it to advantage, he came to







FRANCIS ASHTON



Allen County and purchased 160 acres of land south of the village of Landeck, in Marion township, and this land he improved and lived upon until his death on January 31, 1894, aged 78 years. He was one of the liberal contributors to the building of the beautiful edifice of St. John the Baptist Church, at Landeck, and for a number of years was a member of its board of trustees.

Dominic N. Gengler attended the public schools in Seneca County, and under his father's direction grew into a capable, practical farmer. After his marriage he settled on a part of his present farm, consisting then of 80 acres. He now owns 360 acres of fine land, 40 of which were willed to him and the remainder has come into his possession by purchase. When Mr. Gengler settled here, the surrounding timber was full of game. He built a log house for immediate occupancy, drained and cleared his farm and gradually brought it to its present state of rich cultivation. In 1890 he erected his beautiful brick residence, one which arouses general admiration from the passing stranger and which is a model of comfort and convenience for its inmates. It is beautifully situated south of the main road, and is enclosed with a neat, ornamental iron fence. In the charming arrangement of flowers and shrubbery, the good taste of both Mr. and Mrs. Gengler is shown. It is one of the most beautifully attractive homes in this section of Allen County. Mr. Gengler has important interests in the Landeck Tile Factory which he opened on his farm in 1880. Here tiles are manufactured ranging in size from 3 to 12 inches.

On November 29, 1870, Mr. Gengler was married to Mary Ardner, who is a daughter of Nicholas and Susan (Adantz) Ardner, the former of whom was born in Germany, May 5, 1822. Mr. Ardner came to America in 1846 and located at Tiffin, Ohio, where he was married in 1863. He came then to Allen County and settled on a farm of 80 acres, situated three miles southeast of Landeck, which he has increased to 200 acres. Here he remained until 1884 when he removed to a 10-acre farm near Landeck, in order to enjoy church privileges, being a devout member of the Church of St. John the Baptist. He owns other tracts of land

which have been developed out of the wilderness of Allen County. Mr. and Mrs. Gengler have five children: Nicholas, residing in section 10, where his father has built a nice home, who married Helena Roerig and has two children—Raymond and Rosala; John, residing in section 2, also owning a comfortable home, who married Clara Roerig, a cousin of Mrs. Nicholas Gengler, and has two children—Loretta and Sylvester; Margaret, who married Louis Karst, resides in a nice home in section 10 and has one son—Albert; Thomas, who is unmarried and remains at home managing the farms and the tile works; and Susan, who married C. H. Falter, of Seneca County, Ohio, and has three children—Armillia, Alwisa and John.

In politics Mr. Gengler is a Democrat. He has served on the School Board and is an ardent friend of the public schools. He has done his full share in the material development of his section of the county. In his earlier years he worked many a day on the roads of Marion township, giving his time to advance the general welfare. Since 1880 he has been a justice of the peace, and it has always been his endeavor in his official position to serve as far as possible as a peacemaker while administering the law. He is a Catholic and is one of the leading members of the Church of St. John the Baptist and, like his father before him, is a member of the church choir.



FRANCIS ASHTON, a retired business man of Lima whose portrait accompanies this sketch, was for many years largely interested in the grocery and lumber industries of this city. He is a son of Francis and Elizabeth (Mackinder) Ashton, and was born March 9, 1831, in Lincolnshire, England.

Mr. Ashton came to America in early boyhood and received his education in the State of Ohio. His first business venture was at Kenton, Ohio, where he and his brother, William Ashton, engaged in the hardware line. This was continued until 1854, when he came to Lima and opened a hardware store, which he conducted alone for about 15 years. Soon





after retiring from this work, Mr. Ashton became interested in the grocery business, his partner being John Wheeler. The firm of Wheeler & Ashton was continued five years, when Mr. Wheeler retired and his place was taken by Henry Ashton, another brother of our subject. F. & H. Ashton conducted the business very successfully until 1880, when Francis Ashton became associated with Thomas R. Dobbins and opened a lumber-yard on South Main street. Here they soon worked up a prosperous trade, which was continued until Mr. Ashton's retirement from business in the latter part of the '80's.

Mr. Ashton was married in 1856 to Mary Lantz and the following children have blessed their union: Elizabeth, wife of Charles Dunan, of San Francisco, California; Annie, wife of R. M. Hughes, with the MacDonald Jewelry Company of Lima; John R., of Lima; Hattie B., wife of Frederick J. DeGrief, of Lima; and F. L., a prosperous hardware merchant of Celina, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Ashton attend the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Ashton has been prominent in Odd Fellow and Masonic circles for many years. He was treasurer of Allen Lodge, No. 223, I. O. O. F., for 25 years and for several years held the same office in the Shawnee Commandery, No. 14, K. T. He was also for many years treasurer of Lima Council, No. 20, R. & S. M. He is one of the city's representative men, and has contributed largely to the prosperity and advancement which have attended the community in which he still takes a lively and substantial interest.



H. GLOVER, wholesale and retail dealer in millinery, of Lima, is a Canadian by birth, having first seen the light of day in that country in 1844. Mr. Glover was raised on a farm, and since early manhood has been engaged in mercantile business, first as a clerk in a dry goods store, later in a general merchandise store, and finally in a store of his own in Lima. Mr. Glover had traveled on the road for 25 years when he came to this city in 1889, and in partnership with A. A. Winters opened a

millinery store under the firm name of Glover & Winters. The business was a success from the start, and the volume of trade has extended until it has become one of the most extensive enterprises in Lima. In 1894 Mr. Glover purchased his partner's interest and has since then been sole owner. The business is both wholesale and retail, the former covering an extensive territory.

Mr. Glover is interested in a number of enterprises in Ohio, including properties in Tiffin and Van Wert. He has paid up stock in the German American Oil Company to the value of \$6,000 and is owner of a thriving fertilizing plant at Muncie, Indiana. He has added materially in the development of Lima. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity. Mr. Glover has been too much occupied with his business to dabble in politics. He was married in 1876 to Currence Winters.



GEORGE D. KANAWL, formerly a member of the Board of County Commissioners of Allen County, and now a retired resident of Lima, has been more or less actively identified with this city's interests for almost 30 years. He was born in 1849 in Juniata County, Pennsylvania, and there obtained the greater part of his education.

In 1866 Mr. Kanawl came to Allen County, and after working on a farm for three years went into contracting and bridge-building. He was so employed in Allen County, for 25 years, and during that period he put in the foundations of almost all of the important business blocks on Main street, Lima, and built the foundation for the Solar Refinery. His careful and lasting work is seen in many of the finest residences all over the city. He did a large business all over the county in building bridge abutments and in bridge-work generally. He was well and favorably known in almost every branch of the building trade.

For many years Mr. Kanawl has been connected with politics and public affairs in Allen County. Prior to his first election as county commissioner in 1897, he had been an official



in Bath township and had served as supervisor, trustee and justice of the peace in German township. After serving most efficiently as a member of the Board of County Commissioners for three years, he was reelected in 1900 and served three years more. For the past three years he has lived without business care or official responsibility, on account of failing health, and has taken this opportunity to travel over a large part of the United States. He spent last winter in the genial climate of Southern California and Mexico. At every point he has made new acquaintances and left friends behind.

Mr. Kanawl has been thrice married. His first wife was Adeline Ransbottom, a member of one of the pioneer families of Allen County, and they had two children—Charles and Fannie. The former is a commercial traveler and the latter is the wife of George Deimer, of Lima, who is foreman for The Lima Telephone & Telegraph Company. Mr. Kanawl married (second) Mary I. Murray, who was a daughter of John Murray, of German township, a member of one of the county's influential families. His third marriage took place September 6, 1905, to Mrs. Tina (Moore) Crossley, who was the widow of Elmer Crossley.

Mr. Kanawl is a member of the Epworth Methodist Episcopal Church which he assisted very materially while it was in course of construction. Fraternally he belongs to the Odd Fellows and the Elks.

**B**F. WILLIAMS, an extensive oil producer, stands among the leading business men of Lima. He was born in Erie County, New York, in 1849, and is a son of the late J. W. Williams, a millwright by trade and a resident of New York.

B. F. Williams was reared and educated in Erie County, and as early as 1868 became interested in the Pennsylvania oil field, being a producer at Shamburg and Pleasantville until 1877, when he entered the Bradford field, where he operated until he came to Lima in 1898. His present interests are located in the Ohio, Indiana and Kansas fields, being a mem-

ber of the firm of The Roth-Argue, Maire Brothers Oil Company, one of the most important independent companies now operating, having 16 wells in the Bartlesville (Indian Territory) field. This company has just shot a new well, which promises great results, as it already produces 800 barrels of oil daily. On October 8, 1904, the company drilled well No. 4, which proved a natural well, flowing 800 barrels of oil, and that the same conditions attend their latest boring speaks well for the value of the field. In addition to these large interests, Mr. Williams is a stockholder in other enterprises, one of them being The Lima Trust Company.

In 1875 Mr. Williams was married to Ida J. Allport, who was born in Canada and died April 1, 1891, leaving four children, viz.: Harry, who is the manager of a wood-fiber company at Birmingham, Alabama; Maud E.; Silas, who is a student at Orchard Lake, Michigan; and Helen. The religious connection of the family is with the Baptist Church. Mr. Williams is a good citizen, but not an active politician. He is a member of the Elks.

**D**ANIEL LORY resides on his farm of 80 acres in section 34, Richland township, which he purchased about 35 years ago, soon after coming to Allen County. He grew to manhood on the farm upon which he was born May 26, 1847, near La Chaux de Fonds, in Canton Neuchatel, Switzerland. This property had been in the Lory family for more than 150 years, and was the home of his parents, Henry Louis and Marion (Herschey) Lory during their lifetime. Our subject was one of 12 children, three of whom died in childhood. Three of his brothers, —Louis, Frederick and Ulysses—came to this country and settled; Louis in Illinois and Frederick in New York. Ulysses returned to Switzerland and died there.


Daniel Lory came to America alone at the age of 18, and after spending one year on a farm in Wayne County, Ohio, came to Allen County and hired out by the year as a farmhand for three years. He purchased 40 acres of land in section 34, Richland township and





was afterwards able to secure an adjoining 40, which he has in an excellent state of cultivation. He has erected substantial buildings on his property and is one of the progressive farmers of the county. A man of comprehensive knowledge and a deep thinker, he brings to his work an intelligent understanding that places him among the foremost agriculturists of his section and a leader in whatever he undertakes. Mr. Lory has had the advantage of a good education and is a fluent speaker in German, French and English, which he writes with equal facility. The German language was taught in the home, the French was acquired in schools in his native land, while the English was picked up after coming to this country.

Mr. Lory was married in 1867, soon after coming here, to Katherine Basinger who was born in Richland township, Allen County, Ohio, December 26, 1843, and is a daughter of Simon and Barbara (Steiner) Basinger. Her parents were among the first settlers of Allen County, coming here from Alsace, France, the place of their nativity. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Lory, four of whom died in infancy. The others are: Ferdinand, a resident of Bluffton; Louis, living at home; Emanuel, who lives in Lima; Marianne, who died at the age of 20 years; Ida, living at home; and Daniel, who also lives at home. They are members of the German Reformed Church, of Bluffton, of which our subject was one of the first elders, serving in that capacity for a number of years. He has always been a prominent citizen and has served as trustee of the township for six years and as supervisor for eight years, having been elected on the Democratic ticket.

RANK W. HOLMES, one of Lima's prominent citizens, president of the Fidelity Coal & Supply Company, and identified for years with the oil and other industries of this section, was born in Lima, March 18, 1858, and is a son of Branson P. and Jane W. Holmes.

The Holmes family is one of the oldest in the county. For ever 33 years Branson P. Holmes, father of Frank W., was a success-

ful merchant at Lima, and was an acknowledged founder of the city's prosperity. He died in 1870, a man generally esteemed and beloved. The aged mother still survives him, and is an honored member of the family of her son Frank.

The death of the father of Frank W. Holmes, when the latter was only 12 years old, placed heavy responsibilities on the lad as the eldest son; but he was equal to the task and zealously assisted his widowed mother in her struggles to provide for the support and education of the family. Much space might be devoted to narrating the various ways in which the youth conscientiously tried to take his father's place in the family, often willingly sacrificing his own ambitions and comfort. Thus he was able to keep intact the estate left by his father, which increased so much in value in later years. Under many discouragements he also continued his studies, and in 1876 graduated in a class of 15 from the Lima High School. If conditions had been different, he would have taken a college course, but as that was impossible at the time he turned to the business field, accepting at first a position in the bank of a neighboring town. Here his only compensation was his board, but he remained nearly a year in order to increase his knowledge, and gain an insight into financial methods. He then returned to Lima and secured a position as clerk in the Lima Postoffice, at a salary of \$20 per month, serving in that capacity for two years.

Mr. Holmes' first entrance into the oil business, with which he subsequently became so closely identified, was in the capacity of bookkeeper for W. L. Porter, at a yearly salary of \$600, which then seemed to the young man almost a fortune. His business relations with Mr. Porter were of the most satisfactory nature, the most cordial personal feelings being mutually entertained by both throughout Mr. Porter's life. Mr. Holmes held the position until 1881, when, on account of close application to his duties, his health became impaired and his physician recommended a change of climate. He then visited the West and engaged in mining for a short time in Colorado. His health became restored, but he did not advance financially, and he returned to Lima no richer in pocket, but



better prepared to stand the stress of business life. In 1882, soon after his return, he was offered the secretaryship of the Lima Iron Fence Company, a position he held for three years.

In the meantime the value of his father's estate had been much increased, on account of the general progress and development of the city. In 1885 he undertook, for the Holmes estate, the building of the present Holmes Block. At that time he was residing with his mother on the old homestead. On account of the general municipal progress his property had become too valuable for business purposes to justify its retention as a place of residence. It was therefore decided that a fine business block could be erected which would return a large income in rentals, although, at that time, it was a considerable distance from Lima's business center notwithstanding which, contracts were secured with desirable tenants for long-term leases, on low payments. Mr. Holmes had a debt of \$3,000 with which to contend, and it required all his business ability to accomplish the erection of the business block, which was satisfactorily completed in 1885.

It was soon after the completion of this work, and while Mr. Holmes was unemployed, that the first oil well was opened at Lima. He was offered a humble position with the Trenton Rock Oil Company—a corporation supposed to control nearly all the oil territory of any value in Ohio—and this he accepted, his work being that of a notary whose business it was to acknowledge oil leases. As this work occupied but a short period, he was soon out of employment; but later, from a chance conversation with a friend, Mr. Holmes secured one of the earliest valuable oil leases in this locality. As a diversion and as an experiment, the friends, both then out of employment, went into the country with the idea of securing an oil lease which they hoped they might be able to sell to some investor. The result was that, after a long day spent with a farmer, who had little faith in the oil business but was of a friendly, accommodating spirit, they secured a lease upon his farm. This lease proved one of the most valuable taken in Allen County, and the well subsequently drilled upon it was really the pio-

neer in the opening up and extension of the oil field here.

The operation of this lease was conducted, through a business combination, with parties in Olean, New York, who subsequently dealt with Mr. Holmes in connection with many other leases. At this time he was associated with Frank and Charles Coss, practical oil men, formerly of Olean, New York. While final prosperity came, the early days of Mr. Holmes' oil enterprises were filled with discouragement. When the old J. K. Speer well was drilled, which daily produced 700 barrels of oil, and was followed by the John Ridenour well, whose capacity was 1,000 barrels a day, Mr. Holmes soon acquired sufficient capital to meet all his liabilities.

The history of the oil operations in this section, with the great promise of financial prosperity to hundreds of those, who, like Mr. Holmes, had gone into the business with small capital, and the quenching of hope and extinguishing of opportunity, is too well known in these days of publicity, to recount the tale, with its many details of the greed of the great Octopus which brought ruin to many happy homes. In Mr. Holmes' case, before he could sell any of his oil, the Standard Oil Company decided that they had made a mistake in considering that the product was of any value whatever except as fuel, and they therefore lowered the price, day after day, until the time came when 42 gallons of this oil brought the sum of 15 cents. Under these conditions, the various oil producers outside the Standard felt themselves justified in combining for self-protection, and each man's property, including that of Mr. Holmes, was turned into the company at a value which was established by a board of appraisers. He was one of the incorporators and, later, a director in what was known as the Ohio Oil Company. This company continued one year but was forced to sell to the Standard Oil Company.

Prior to the sale of his interests, Mr. Holmes had become associated with S. M. Jones in taking up a large block of territory in the western section of Allen, and the eastern section of Van Wert County,








forming what became the Geyser Oil Company. Although this venture did not prove as satisfactory as anticipated, Mr. Holmes made money out of it. Immediately afterward he became interested near Marietta, and later in valuable holdings of the Silurian Oil Company, of which he was a member, and in both of these connections he was eminently successful. For six months after this he was on the leasing force of the Ohio Oil Company and, while the work was exhausting, in that it exposed him to all weathers, he secured 100 leases in one month, on farms ranging from 40 to 800 acres. When the Manhattan Oil Company was organized, he was invited to enter the employ of this organization and as its object (an effort to build up a market for Ohio crude oil outside the Standard) appealed to him, he consented to enter its service for a short time. His connection with the company, however, covered a period of 10 years; first as cashier, then as secretary, and finally as general manager. There is little in connection with the oil industry with which Mr. Holmes is not perfectly familiar. He has watched the business from its beginning, has suffered from the rapacity of competitors, has assisted manfully in protesting against iniquitous business methods, and through sheer ability and brave persistency has reaped financial success where many others have failed.

His oil interests are by no means all that have claimed Mr. Holmes' attention. For a number of years, with W. L. Mackenzie he was interested in the Fidelity Lumber Company and, with Mr. Mackenzie, he organized the Fidelity Coal & Supply Company, which has grown into an enterprise of large importance. He continues to be president of this company, being its main directing head. Its great warehouse at Lima has a frontage of 500 feet on the C., H. & D. Railway, and 200 on the L. E. & W. Railway. He is a stockholder and director in The Hall & Woods Company, of Lima, operating the Model Mills; a director of The Ohio National Bank, at Lima, and is one of the incorporators and directors of the South Side Building & Loan Association. On the Holmes farm he has erected several hundred houses which he has sold to good tenants, on easy monthly payments. He has retained large real

estate holdings and is an extensive operator in realty.

In 1882 Mr. Holmes was married to May R. Harley, who is a daughter of Dr. L. G. Harley, of Wayne County, Ohio, and they have had four children, viz.: Van Cleve, Branson Harley, Donald (deceased), and Frank H. The eldest son, having completed his course at Amherst College, is now in business in New York City. The second son is a student in the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, and is also cultivating a remarkable musical gift, being under the instruction of noted teachers of the violin, at Detroit.

For many years Mr. Holmes has been deeply interested in the Young Men's Christian Association, and has been prominently identified with its work. He has served as president and director of the organization at Lima, and has devoted time, money and effort to many other charitable and philanthropic enterprises. Not being a man who heralds his beneficences, much of his practical helpfulness is known only to the recipients. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church and has served as a member of the session.

ILLIAM W. CURTIN, a well-known and highly respected citizen of Lima, interested in the production of oil, is a son of Erin who has made his fortune in the oil fields of America being at this time largely interested in the most productive wells scattered through the oil belt of the United States. Mr. Curtin was born August 1, 1842, in Cork, Ireland, and was reared in that country to the age of 15 when he came to America. For the following eight years he was employed in New York and vicinity, but in 1865 he located in Venango County, Pennsylvania, where on April 11th of that year he engaged in the oil industry, and has prospered beyond his most sanguine expectations. He operated first in the Pennsylvania field as a contractor and producer, but in 1886 extended his operations to the Findlay and St. Marys fields, and in 1900 located at Lima. In addition to several wells which he operates in Ohio, he has a number in Indian Territory, the



output from which brings him in a considerable income.

Mr. Curtin was united in marriage July 13, 1866, to Rebecca Kells, a native of Ireland. Four children were born to this union, viz.: E. R. Curtin, vice-president and general superintendent of The Manhattan Oil Company, of Lima; Annie Bell, wife of N. J. Loveless, of Bradford, Pennsylvania; James A., who is in the oil business; and John F., a mechanic. Mrs. Curtin died November 4, 1900, and Mr. Curtin was married on the first of the March following to Wealthy Riddle, of Allegany County, New York. Mr. Curtin is a director of The Lima Trust Company.

**A**UGUSTUS E. WEGER, one of the prominent business men of Delphos, the leading photographer and also the junior member of the undertaking firm of Jauman & Weger, was born April 20, 1878, at Newcastle, Pennsylvania, and is a son of Frank A. and Margaret Elizabeth (Deitzel) Weger.

George K. Weger, the paternal grandfather, was born in Germany. He came to America in 1852, locating in Baltimore, Maryland, where he followed the trade of cooper. His son Frank A., the father of Augustus E., learned this trade also and worked as a cooper for some years in Baltimore and then removed to Newcastle, Pennsylvania. Here he was married, in 1871, to Margaret E. Deitzel, who was born in that place, and was a daughter of Michael Deitzel, a native of Prussia. They had five children, viz.: Katie, George, Augustus, Mary and Frank. Mr. Weger removed from Newcastle to Pittsburg and in 1878 came to Delphos as foreman for the Pittsburg Keg & Barrel Company, with which concern he continued until he joined interests with H. Goette in the hoop and stave business.

Augustus E. Weger has spent the main part of his life at Delphos, being an infant when his parents came here. He was educated in both the English and German departments of the parochial schools and, after completing the usual course, received private instruction at

Delphos. For a time he assisted his father in the hoop and stave factory, later turned his attention to other activities, but in 1899 definitely decided to become a practical photographer, having always had an inclination in this direction. He has been in the business for himself for the past three years and until September 23, 1905, was alone. On account of needed expansion and great press of business, Mr. Weger then admitted Mr. Fry to partnership and now the firm stands Weger & Fry. The well-equipped studio is located on Main street between Second and Third streets. Mr. Weger is a natural artist and in giving way to his inclinations but followed what promises to be a promising and prosperous career. An enthusiast in his work, each year finds him better able to compete with those who have elevated the photographic art to the level of other artistic achievements.

Since September 21, 1905, Mr. Weger has also been connected with another line of business, being the junior partner in the undertaking firm of Jauman & Weger, funeral directors and embalmers. Their quarters have been fitted up with all modern conveniences and their business is conducted in a quiet, orderly manner. Mr. Weger devotes his whole time to his studio, Mr. Jauman attending to the undertaking department.

Mr. Weger is a member of the Church of St. John the Evangelist at Delphos. He belongs to the Catholic Knights of Ohio and the Catholic Knights of America.

**J**OSEPH AARON STATES, president of the Allen County Agricultural Society and formerly county commissioner for several terms, is one of Monroe township's most respected citizens. He resides on his highly improved farm of 160 acres situated in sections 21 and 22. Mr. States was born on this farm April 20, 1848, and is a son of Daniel and Jane (Jennings) States.

Daniel States was born in Lycoming County, Pennsylvania, April 14, 1810, and was a son of Peter and Susan (Praul) States. The father of Peter States, Daniel by name, was born in







France; while the father of Mrs. Peter States was born in England. Our subject's parents came to Monroe township, Allen County, in the spring of 1835, locating in section 21. With eight others, he was a voter at the first election held in the township, which they all had assisted in organizing. He entered 120 acres of land and on this farm, developed from the wilderness, he reared a creditable family, which through his efforts in promoting educational, religious and social movements, enjoyed many advantages which even older localities did not present. He was a man of great public spirit and was so admirably qualified for leadership, that he was frequently called upon to take a prominent part in public affairs. He served 14 years as township trustee and treasurer, was one of the founders of the Methodist Episcopal Church, built the first schoolhouse on his own farm, and, through individual effort and personal expenditure, inaugurated the making of good roads and the building of bridges, in this way setting a creditable example and earning the grateful remembrances of those who came after.

On April 1, 1833, Daniel States was united in marriage with Jane Jennings, who was born June 16, 1810, and died January 20, 1873. She was a daughter of Benjamin and Betsey (Milick) Jennings, a granddaughter of John Milick, a native of Pennsylvania, and a cousin of Governor David Tod, of Ohio. Seven children were born to this union, as follows: John, deceased, of Crawford County, Kansas; George and Susan, who died in childhood; Margaret, deceased, who was the wife of Scott Harris, of Monroe township; Mary J., deceased; Joseph Aaron, of this sketch; and Huldah R., wife of Ephraim Tussing, of Van Wert County, Ohio, also deceased.

Joseph Aaron States attended the district schools and was reared on his father's farm, where he received his training as a practical agriculturist. His main business in life has continued along the same lines—general farming and stock-raising. He has so frequently been called upon by his fellow-citizens to accept various offices of trust and responsibility, that in later years the larger portion of his time has

been absorbed in attending to duties of a public nature. In political sentiment he has always been a staunch Democrat. In 1882 he was elected by his party county commissioner and, through reelection, he served continuously in this important office for six years and one month. For three years he was township trustee and for 20 years has been a member of the Board of Education. He has always taken a deep and intelligent interest in county organizations of all kinds, and has given support to those which, in his opinion, are calculated to advance the general welfare. In 1903 he was elected president of the Allen County Agricultural Society, and under his wise administration, it held the most successful county fair during its existence. He is a man of enlightened views, business capacity, unquestioned integrity and, withal, one of the genial, whole-souled men whose friendship is well worth the having, and whose citizenship honors his community.

On September 3, 1867, Mr. States was married to Mary J. Powell, who was born March 6, 1842, near Spencerville, Ohio, and is a daughter of David and Sophia (Walden) Powell, natives of Juniata County, Pennsylvania. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. States was Amos Powell, who was born in Wales and with his family, was an early settler in Allen County. To Mr. and Mrs. States were born these children: Anna V., wife of Joseph G. Hersh, an attorney, of Lima; William C., of the Lima Cigar Company, who has one son, Earl; Arthur L., a farmer of Monroe township; Samuel E., who died in 1877; and Mary Lucretia, who married Jesse Vance, a farmer of Monroe township, and has two children.

**JONES & WILLIAMS.** This firm conducts a large and complete undertaking business at Lima, with quarters on the southwest corner of the Public Square, the members of the firm being John D. Jones and Cary C. Williams.

This business was established at Lima in December, 1900, by the gentlemen mentioned.



They have a well-equipped establishment, employ strictly modern methods, including the latest processes of embalming, and as a firm stand very high in public esteem.

JOHN D. JONES, senior member of the firm, has been a resident of Lima, for the past 23 years. He was born at Piqua, Miami County, Ohio, in 1852, and is a son of William H. Jones, a tanner by trade, who died in that place in 1859.

Mr. Jones was the youngest of a family of eight children and was left fatherless at the age of seven years. After completing his schooling he went to Troy, and there learned the harnessmaker's trade. In 1872 he removed to Hartford City, Indiana, where he engaged in the harness business for one year. He then located at Montpelier, Indiana, where he entered into partnership with a Mr. Dick, under the firm name of Dick & Jones. Later he bought Mr. Dick's interest and conducted the business alone, remaining in business at Montpelier for a period of 10 years. In 1882 he came to Lima and here also engaged in the harness business until 1900, when he sold out and with his son-in-law, Cary C. Williams, embarked in his present enterprise as an undertaker and embalmer.

Mr. Jones was married in August, 1874, to Alice Seal who died in June, 1878, leaving one daughter—Alberta—now the wife of Cary C. Williams. In 1884 Mr. Jones was married (second) to Sarah I. Meeks, who is a daughter of Amos Meeks, one of the pioneer settlers of the county. Both of her grandfathers came here at a very early day and bought land from the government. Mr. Jones is a member of Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church and is serving on the official board.

CARY C. WILLIAMS, the junior member of the firm was born in Defiance County, Ohio. He may be said to have almost grown up in the undertaking business, as his father was an undertaker for many years and he assisted from boyhood. He is a graduate of the Chicago School of Embalming.

Mr. Williams was united in marriage with Alberta Jones, who is a daughter of John D. and Alice (Seal) Jones.



HENRY G. WEMMER, one of the business men of Lima, who has contributed much to the importance of this city as a commercial center, was one of the organizers of The Deisel-Wemmer Company, which is known all over the United States in the cigar manufacturing line. Mr. Wemmer was born in Germany in 1865.

Mr. Wemmer was reared and educated in his native land, coming to the United States in 1884. His uncle was established in a cigar manufacturing business in Delaware, and Henry G., remained for a time with him, thence going to Marion, Ohio, and finally to Lima. In 1891 he became associated with Henry Deisel, a personal friend and a practical cigarmaker, and the firm of Deisel & Wemmer was thereby formed. The partnership continued until 1902 when the immense growth of the business made incorporation advisable. The present officers of The Deisel-Wemmer Company are: Henry Deisel, president; William J. Wemmer, vice-president; Henry G. Wemmer, general manager; and Robert J. Plate, secretary and treasurer.

From a small beginning, in 1891, this business has become one of the largest in its line in this section, and probably is the largest house in the world manufacturing and selling direct to the retail trade. Our subject looks after the jobbing trade, and handles the 14 traveling salesmen who are constantly employed. The goods manufactured include several excellent brands of cigars, but the specialties are the "General Stark" and "San Felice." The latter is composed of a special blend of leaf and a particularly good wrapper, sells at five cents, and has a universal popularity.

In addition to his interest in this great and still growing business, Mr. Wemmer is a director and stockholder in The Lima Trust Company, and is interested in other successful business enterprises.

Mr. Wemmer was married in 1894 to Rica Sauter, and they have had three children—Esther and Pauline, who are living, and Edna, who died at the age of eight years.

Mr. Wemmer is a member of the Lima Club and of the Elks. He is a liberal, broad-







mindful citizen, whose abounding energy has been notable not only in his personal business association, but in his interest in everything pertaining to the advancement of the city.

**J**AMES A. PARK, oil contractor and producer, and proprietor of a large and well-appointed livery establishment at Spencerville, is one of this city's valued public men and substantial citizens. Mr. Park was born near Willshire, Ohio, May 25, 1865, and is a son of Samuel W. and Sarah A. (Philbee) Park. On the paternal side, Mr. Park comes of Scotch-Irish ancestry, and of German extraction on the mother's side.

Samuel W. Park was born near Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, in 1822, and died in Ohio in April, 1903. In 1845, at Newark, Ohio. He married Sarah A. Philbee, who was born in Germany in 1826 and was three years old when her parents emigrated to the United States. They made the six-weeks voyage on a sailing vessel, enduring hardships innumerable. She died in Ohio in 1893, after a long and useful life, having been permitted to see her family of 10 children grow to intelligent maturity and to establish happy domestic circles of their own. Her own passing was the first break in the family circle. She left behind her husband, her 10 children, 27 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. The children are: Alexander; Louisa, wife of Charles Bowman, of Van Wert County; Elizabeth, wife of William McMichael, of Van Wert County; Catherine, wife of T. C. Bowman, of Van Wert County; Ellen, wife of G. W. Stetler, of Van Wert County; Jennie, wife of E. F. Hunter, of Van Wert County; William, a resident of Van Wert County, who married Anna Royston; Samuel, who married Hulda Royston and resides at Lima; James, of this sketch; and Benjamin, who married Myrtle Lewis and lives at Spencerville.

The family record reaches back to the days of the Revolutionary War, when our subjects' great-great-grandfather was a lieutenant under

General Washington. He was of Scotch birth as was also his son, Col. Robert E. Park, who was an early Governor of Connecticut. The grandfather of our subject was born in New Jersey in 1789 and moved to Ohio in 1831. His son, Samuel W., at one time owned the land on which now stands the Ohio State Penitentiary, at Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio. On his mother's side, Samuel W. Park was first cousin to John R. McLean, the distinguished editor and publisher of the Cincinnati *Enquirer*.

James A. Park was reared on the farm of his father in Van Wert County until the age of 14 years, attending in the meantime the local schools and subsequently the Van Wert High School, earning his expenses by serving as a clerk in a dry goods store. With an idea of becoming a teacher, he then attended the Ohio Normal University at Ada, and there was under the instruction of his own cousin, Professor Park, a noted educator and a compiler of various acceptable text-books. During the succeeding three years, he followed the profession of teaching and, had his health not become impaired, he might have reached the same distinguished position in the educational field as that filled by his cousin.

Finding it necessary to adopt another line of activity, Mr. Park went into the hardware business at Ohio City, Van Wert County, and while residing there filled out the unexpired term of George Banter, as postmaster, a period of two years, under the first Cleveland administration. Mr. Park then engaged for a time in a livery business at Decatur, Indiana, removing then to Portland, Indiana. During his residence there he was elected city clerk and subsequently county surveyor of Jay County. In 1895 he removed from Indiana to Spencerville. Here he has been interested in the oil business and in conducting a livery ever since. His livery establishment is conducted along modern, up-to-date lines, and his assortment of all kinds of vehicles is complete. His oil operations have been successful and from being a contractor he has gone into the producing business and has a string of tools.

While a man with many important business interests, Mr. Park has found time to be also



a worthy, public-spirited citizen and a worker along lines looking to the best civic government. Since locating at Spencerville he has served two years as city treasurer and for two years was a member of the Board of Education, being a member of the board when the last addition to the public school building was authorized. Politically he is a Democrat. At present he is serving as a valued member of the City Council, in which body he is chairman of the finance committee. He has been elected three times to the Council and is now serving in his sixth year, the expiration of his last term being in January, 1907. He is credited with many local reforms by his fellow-citizens; but he assumes no honor on this account, it being his belief that it is the duty of the business man to assist in maintaining good government.

As an intelligent, wide-awake man, Mr. Park is interested in public affairs and is more or less of a politician. He has been chosen for a number of positions of honor and responsibility by his party, and has represented it at many notable gatherings, serving as a delegate on many occasions. He was a delegate to the State convention that nominated James Kilbourne for Governor; was a delegate to the congressional convention, at Sidney, that nominated Robert Gordon for both his first and second term in Congress, and was also a delegate to the district senatorial convention that nominated Senator T. M. Berry, the present incumbent. He has filled the important position of chairman of the Allen County Democratic Executive Committee for the past two years. He is well known all over the county, and is in accord with its good citizens in matters of public moment, irrespective of party.

On December 25, 1887, Mr. Park was married to Mary E. Eller, who was born March 19, 1870, in Van Wert County, Ohio, and is a daughter of Frederick and Nancy (Kilmer) Eller, natives of Richland County, Ohio, but of Pennsylvania descent. Mr. and Mrs. Park have one daughter, Hazel Marie, who was born February 24, 1895. She is a bright, attractive maiden of 11 years, a student in the Spencerville schools. The family residence is one of the most attractive in the city of Spencerville, and is located on Pearl street, a half block north

of the Christian Church. In his religious views Mr. Park is liberal-minded. Mrs. Park is an active and interested worker in the Christian Church, with which she united in 1893. She is a lady of many accomplishments and the biographer may be forgiven for mentioning her artistic needlework. She has taken many premiums when she has consented to exhibit her specimens of lace-work.

Aside from his business, Mr. Park has always taken an interest in horses, even in boyhood having more control over them than his companions. He has owned many fine animals and can scarcely remember when he was not able to drive or to enjoy the exercise of a fine mount.



C. DUNN, president of The Eagle Stave Company, Atlas Cooperage Company, Colonial Column Company and Dunn Cooperage Company, has been a resident of Lima but a few years, yet even in this short period he has identified himself with the business and social interests of the city in a way to make his influence felt throughout the entire municipality. He was born September 27, 1874, in the village of Lee, Massachusetts, and is a son of George Dunn, a retired manufacturer, living at Miamisburg, Ohio. George Dunn is a native of Scotland, and there learned the trade of paper manufacture, becoming an expert in the business. Coming to this country he continued to work at the business for many years in different States.

This accounts for the fact that our subject has been a resident of almost every State east of the Mississippi River, and secured his education in various localities. Arriving at man's estate he engaged in the real estate business in Miamisburg for two years, and then embarked in the cooperage business. He engaged in the latter occupation at Minister, Auglaize County, Ohio, where he remained three years and then moved to Cridersville, where he continued in the same work for another two years. In 1902 he came to Lima and organized The Eagle Stave Company, which was incorporated in 1905 with a capital stock of \$25,000. The







officers of this company are: D. C. Dunn, president, and A. J. Dunn, secretary and treasurer. They manufacture staves and hoops. Mr. Dunn is president of the Atlas Cooperage Company, of Lindsey, Ohio; president of the Dunn Cooperage Company of Gilberts, Ohio; secretary and treasurer of the Rough River Cooperage Company, of Livermore, Kentucky; vice-president of the Lima Progressive Association and president of the Colonial Column Company, of Lima, of which A. J. Dunn is vice-president and secretary and Henry Groby is general manager. He is also secretary of the Humane Horse Shoe Company, of Lima, and vice-president of the O. C. Robinson Company, of Creston, Ohio, and of the Mercer Cooperage & Lumber Company, of Fort Recovery, Ohio. Mr. Dunn has a business record worthy of emulation. Beginning life with a capital of \$50 in cash, he has shown remarkable sagacity in his investments and has achieved his present success by honest industry and application, backed by sound common-sense.

In 1896 Mr. Dunn was married to Bessie Groby, daughter of Henry Groby, who is a lumber dealer of Miamisburg. They have one child, Marian. Mr. Dunn is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and a man who stands high in the opinion of all who have the honor of his acquaintance. His portrait accompanies this sketch, being shown on a preceding page.

**U**ALENTINE HEIL, one of the leading contractors of Lima, where he has resided for some 15 years, was born in Germany, December 27, 1863. He was educated in his native land and there completed an apprenticeship to the stone-cutter's trade.

In 1882 Mr. Heil came to America in search of more favorable labor conditions. He located at Cincinnati where he continued to work at his trade until 1890, and then came to Lima. Here he worked at his trade by the day for a short time until he saw a good opening, and then entered into a contracting business for himself and has continued in the same line until the

present. He has built up an extensive and profitable business, and no man in the contracting line bears a better reputation for reliability and skill. For the past few years almost all the important building contracts have been proffered him, and he has erected many of the most substantial business blocks as well as handsome residences in the city. Among these may be mentioned the stone work on the Y. M. C. A. Building; the Lima House; the Holland Block; the Hotel Norval; St. Paul's Lutheran Church; the Black Block; the Adgate Building; the Lima electric light plant; and the beautiful and well-proportioned residences of these citizens: Lufkins, Agerter, Selfridge, Curtin, Charles C. Miller, Henry Deisel and many others.

Mr. Heil was married in 1886 to Rosa Beyer, who is a native of Kentucky, and they have a family of six children. The family belongs to the German Reformed Church, of which Mr. Heil has been a trustee for some years. Fraternally he is associated with the Eagles, the Red Men and the I. O. O. F., of Lima.

**A**BRAHAM ZURFLÜH, one of the venerable and valued citizens of Richland township, was born in Canton Bern, Switzerland, near the village of Souboz, September 3, 1833, and is a son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Ne Wahly) Zurflüh.

The parents were natives of Switzerland, where the mother died when our subject was but 12 days old. The family consisted of four children, viz: Mary Ann, born in 1825; Katherine, born in 1827; John, born in 1830, who still lives in Switzerland; and Abraham. The sisters accompanied our subject and family to Ohio and both died here.

Abraham Zurflüh remained on the home farm until about 18 years of age, in the meantime devoted himself as closely as possible to his books, with the result that he later became a successful teacher, and at present has three languages at command—French, English and German, the latter being the medium of com-



munication at home. This is somewhat remarkable as the only training Mr. Zurflüh ever enjoyed was what he obtained in three winters in a French school. In the month following his marriage, he and his wife joined a party of some 80 members of the Mennonite Church, who had decided to seek homes and religious freedom in America. They left their home in Switzerland on March 8, 1852, for Havre, where they took passage on a sailing ship, one of the old-class vessels, 122 feet long, with few accommodations provided for the comfort of the voyagers. They arrived safely in New York on April 28th and reached Wayne County, Ohio, May 7, 1852. Mr. Zurflüh and wife remained there until the first of the following July, when they removed to Putnam County and, in want of other accommodations, lived in a church building until October 28, 1852.

In the meantime Mr. Zurflüh had been looking about for a suitable place to locate permanently and had secured his present farm of 80 acres at a public sale of school lands, at Lima. The country all about the new home was a dense wilderness, when on October 28, 1852, the little family moved into a little log-cabin before either windows or door had made it a very adequate shelter from the elements or from the wild animals, which were still plentiful. The little cabin of 18 by 22 feet, was, however, a home and we can well believe that happiness dwelt upon its broad hearthstone. He was obliged to borrow in order to make his first payment, on his first purchase, which comprised 40 acres; but he had faith in what his industry and frugality could accomplish, and later results demonstrated that this self-confidence was justifiable. Not one foot of his land had yet been cleared and his nearest neighbor was beyond sight and hearing. Through his persevering industry he cleared the first body of land and subsequently added another tract of 40 acres. He has now one of the best cultivated farms in Richland township and one which is valued at a high price in comparison with adjacent properties.

This farm is situated in section 16, Richland township and is on the rural mail route, No. 2, from Bluffton, the carrier coming to his door over well-graded highways, where Mr.

Zurflüh can remember first wandered a blazed trail, which he helped to widen into a good road. There are a number of substantial buildings on this farm, including five dwellings and a huge barn, 38 by 86 feet in dimensions. The main products of Mr. Zurflüh's farm have been grain and stock.

On February 7, 1852, in his native land, Mr. Zurflüh was married to Mary Ann Ranseiar, who was born in Canton Bern, Switzerland, January 18, 1832, and was a daughter of Isaac and Mary (Bartschy) Ranseiar. Mrs. Zurflüh died on August 15, 1887. The children of this union were nine in number, viz: Mary, Jacob, Anna, David, Elizabeth, Christian, Katherine, Fannie and Sarah. Mary married Benjamin Basinger and they live near Pandora and have 12 children. Jacob, unmarried, remains at home and operates the farm. Anna, who is the wife of Herman Kindle, keeps house for her father. David lives at Lima. Elizabeth died aged 29 years and Christian died aged 25 years. Katherine is the wife of Ferdinand Loney, of Bluffton. Fannie married Alfred Hochstettler. She died of consumption. Her husband was accidentally killed while out hunting quail. They are survived by a daughter—Ella. Sarah is the wife of Amos Luginbihl; and they reside with their five children on the homestead.

The biographer has been favored with a view of a most interesting group picture which was photographed at the home of our esteemed subject on the 72nd anniversary of his birth—September 3, 1905. It shows four generations of the family, the most prominent being Mr. Zurflüh himself. By his side is seated his eldest daughter, Mary (Mrs. Benjamin Basinger), who was born June 28, 1853. By her side is her daughter, Josephine, (Mrs. John Moser), who was born April 7, 1882, while in the grand-grandfather's arms rests little Mary Elizabeth Moser, infant daughter of Mrs. John Moser, who was born April 4, 1905.

As we have noted above, Mr. Zurflüh is an educated man. He taught school in his own country in 1851 and up to the time of his coming to America, in 1852. He taught five winters in the public schools of Allen County and has taught in parochial and German schools.







For many years he has served as a school officer and his clerical ability has been frequently recognized.

In religious life Mr. Zurflüh has always been identified with the Mennonite Church, and he has always taken a very active part in its affairs here. For 12 years he was church secretary and for 28 years he served as a teacher in the Sunday-school. It is said that he is more conversant with the dates and history of the Mennonite bodies than any other instructor in his locality, and can trace its interesting history back to its beginning in 1492. As he is able to read and converse in French, English and German his services are frequently in demand as an interpreter.

In his political convictions, Mr. Zurflüh is a Democrat. His first presidential vote was cast for Stephen A. Douglas. From choice as well as from religious motives, he has never consented to accept any public office, except in the line of education. He is one of the best-known and most highly esteemed representatives of the German-Swiss element in Allen County, from which class has come so many of the State's most reliable citizens.

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**H**ENRY H. HEMAN. Among the good citizens of Lima, now living retired from business activity, is the subject of this sketch, who for many years was connected with one of the largest lumber firms of this city. Mr. Heman is also one of the heroic survivors of the great Civil War, in which he participated with honor and in the vicissitudes of which he almost lost his life. He was born at New Bremen, Auglaize County, Ohio, December 8, 1843, and is a son of Gerard Heman, who, with his wife, two daughters and one son died in the cholera epidemic of 1848.

Mr. Heman was reared and educated by relatives in Auglaize County until the age of 17 years, when he enlisted in Company C, 37th Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf., and was mustered into the service at Cleveland, Ohio. A lad in years, he was of a man's stature. His regiment was sent first to Charlestown, West Virginia, and

took part in its initial engagement at Loop Creek. It was concerned in numerous light engagements and passed back and forth between Ohio and West Virginia until January 1, 1863, when it was ordered to Vicksburg. This regiment was the first detail of troops to reach the city, and it remained all through the siege until May 22, 1863, when our present interest in its movements pauses. It was upon this date that Mr. Heman was struck by a cannon-ball during the second charge on Fort Graveyard. During the charge the Confederates began firing on the Union troops from Fort Hill, fully two and a half miles distant. Mr. Heman was struck in the third volley, the first having come between him and the fort, the second fell some 20 feet distant, but the murderous third took, with its swift passage, Mr. Heman's good right arm and killed his comrade beside him. In the days of the Civil War, surgery had not yet attained its present perfection and as anaesthetics were scarcely in use, the unhappy wounded were obliged to submit to the seemingly cruel treatment at the hospital tents on the field, suffering tortures which would be nowhere permitted at the present day. From the field hospital he was transported to Webster Hospital at Memphis, Tennessee, and after two months of treatment was honorably discharged on September 17, 1863.

Mr. Heman was then but entering manhood. He returned to Auglaize County and as soon as sufficiently convalescent began to look about for suitable employment. In October he came to Lima and went to work in a grocery store conducted by G. Steiner, with whom he remained one year. In order to fit himself for a more remunerative position he then entered a commercial school at Fort Wayne; after graduation, he returned to Lima and entered into a grocery business on North Main street under the firm name of Smith & Heman. Two years later Mr. Heman sold out his interest to Mr. Smith and in 1868 he was elected city clerk of Lima. Mr. Heman served with entire satisfaction for six years and in 1875 he was elected county recorder of Allen County, serving also in this office for six years.

After retiring from public office Mr. Heman engaged for a time in an insurance busi-



ness and then became bookkeeper for the firm of Dobbins & Ashton, lumber merchants, remaining with them in that capacity until he retired, in 1903. Mr. Heman in public and in business life displayed the same qualities of devotion to duty and fidelity to the trusts imposed in him that made him a fearless and efficient soldier.

In October, 1874, Mr. Heman was married to Malinda Opt, who is a daughter of the late Henry Opt, of Seneca County, Ohio. They have one child, Homer Dow, who is employed by the Ferrel Brick Manufacturing Company, of Zanesville, Ohio.

Mr. Heman is connected as appraiser with the South Side Building & Loan Association of Lima. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias and also to Mart Armstrong Post, No. 202, G. A. R.

**E**R. CURTIN, vice-president of the Lima Trust Company and general manager of The Manhattan Oil Company, of Lima, is one of the younger business men of this city who have achieved success through genuine ability and great personal enterprise. Mr. Curtin was born in Franklin, Pennsylvania, in 1868, and is a son of William W. Curtin, a well-known oil producer of this section who has been in the business since 1865.

After completing his education, which included the common and high school courses, Mr. Curtin entered into business as an employee of the Wells Supply Company, with whom he remained for six years. His next work was with his father and with oil companies in the Pennsylvania oil field, and for seven years he was interested with the Neely Brothers, the large operators of St. Marys. For the past 15 years he has been with The Manhattan Oil Company, of which for five years he has been manager. This company does a pipe-line business and owns a large refinery at Welker, Ohio. Mr. Curtin is identified with the city's interests in many ways, being vice-president of The Lima Trust Company and a member of many of the city's public organizations.

Mr. Curtin was married in 1892 to Effie

Allen, who was born in New York, and they have one son, Emmet L. For a number of years he has been prominent in Masonry, belonging to Blue Lodge, Council and Commandery at Lima, and the Consistory, at Toledo. He also belongs to the Elks.

For the past eight years Mr. Curtin has filled a large place in the business life of the city and has won the warm friendship and hearty esteem of the many who have had business and social relations with him.

**F**ON. JOHN W. MANGES, Representative in the Ohio State Legislature from Allen County, was born near Somerset, Perry County, Ohio, March 1, 1857, and is a son of Peter and Mary (Staats) Manges.

The grandparents of Mr. Manges were Pennsylvania Dutch. They came to Ohio about 1832-33, locating at Circleville, Pickaway County. Peter Manges was born in Pennsylvania, January 1, 1830, and he was 15 years old before he had mastered the English language. He died at Bluffton, Ohio, in October, 1898, aged 68 years. He was a farmer and a veterinarian, and during the last 15 years of his life he practiced his profession to the exclusion of other occupations. He had three brothers and two sisters. He married Mary Staats, who was born in Perry County, Ohio, and died in Allen County in 1863. They had these children: Harriet, who is the wife of T. L. Goble, of Paulding County; Amanda, who married Rufus Parker, of Charlottesville, Virginia; John W., of Allen County; Rachel, who died aged 16 years; and Charles J., of Bluffton.

In the spring of 1861, the parents of the subject of this biography came to Allen County and settled on a farm near West Cairo. He remained with his father on that and other farms in Northern Ohio until his marriage, when he located at Beaver Dam. His education had not been neglected in the meantime and after finishing school he taught for 15 terms in Allen County. In addition to his farm interests he has engaged in the fire insurance business; but for so long a period has he







been a public official that much of his time has been consumed in attending to the various duties imposed upon him. For 20 years he has been clerk of the School Board of Beaver Dam, was village clerk for six years, mayor for four years, township clerk for two terms and for the same period was township trustee, and is now serving his fourth term as justice of the peace. In 1901 he was elected on the Democratic ticket to represent Allen County in the State Legislature, and his course at Columbus met with public approval to such an extent that he was reelected in 1903. He has served on a number of important committees, at all times looking out for the interests of his community, and has done excellent work on the taxation committee, the dairy and food committee and on the committee which looks after the affairs of the sailors' and soldiers' orphans.

Mr. Manges was married in Wood County, Ohio, March 27, 1884, to Lizzie Plowright, who was born April 10, 1856, and died January 18, 1905. She was a daughter of Henry and Mary (Cross) Plowright, natives of England, who came to Allen County, Ohio, moved to Monroeville, Huron County, and finally to Wood County. Mr. and Mrs. Manges have had five children, namely: Flora M.; Layton; Charles, who died aged four and a half years; Byron and George.

For 30 years Mr. Manges has been a member of the Church of Christ, in which he has been an elder for a quarter of a century. His fraternal relations are with the Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America.

**F**RANK L. MAIRE, a leading citizen of Lima, who, with his brother, Edward J. Maire, under the firm style of Maire Brothers, is extensively engaged in the production of oil, was reared and educated in Crawford County, Pennsylvania, where he was born in 1871. When a young man he embarked in the mercantile business at Bolivar, New York, near the Allegany oil field in which he soon evinced great interest. Seeing the profits accruing from this industry, he disposed of his mercantile business and invested

the proceeds in the oil fields there, later extending his operations to Pennsylvania and giving his entire time to the business. With his brother, Edward J. Maire, whose biography appears elsewhere in this work, he invested in the oil fields of Ohio, and became a stockholder in companies operating in New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Kansas and Indian Territory. Maire Brothers have well-equipped offices in the Opera House Block, a handsome structure, which they purchased of John D. Rockefeller, in November, 1905.

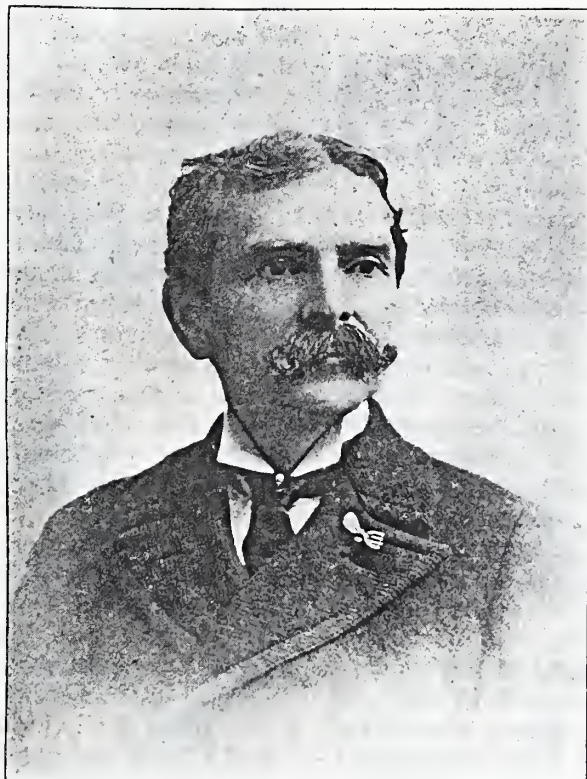
Mr. Maire has been a resident of Lima about nine years and has taken an active part in promoting the welfare of the city. He is one of the stockholders of The Lima Trust Company, and stands high in both social and business circles. He is affiliated with the Masonic order.

**S**ILAS REED, one of the prominent farmers of Shawnee township, who resides on a well-improved farm of 60 acres in section 14, is also a veteran of the Civil War, having given over three years of his life to the services of his country. Mr. Reed was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, January 18, 1840, and is a son of Samuel and Mary M. (Aker) Reed.

Samuel Reed was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, and was a son of Noah Reed, who was born in Licking County, this State. Samuel Reed was a cooper by trade, working at his vocation during the winter and farming in the summer. He owned a farm in Shawnee township, where he died in August, 1894, aged 79 years. He married Mary Aker, who was born July 30, 1814, and died in March, 1905, at the age of 91 years. Their children were: Clara, who married Josiah Snyder, and was left a widow six weeks later, her husband dying in the army; Silas; Salem, a farmer of Shawnee township; Isaac, a farmer of Shawnee township; John W., deceased; Freeman, a resident of Lima; Nelson, a resident of Cridersville; Almada, deceased, formerly the wife of Cyrus Nye; Emma, the wife of Charles Andrews; and Laura (Redmond), a resident of Lima.

Our subject was a lad of 13 years when he





WILLIAM ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL





accompanied his parents to Shawnee township. He attended school and assisted his father until he was 19 years old, when he went to work for William U. Hover, with whom he remained until he enlisted, soon after Fort Sumter was fired on. His first enlistment was in Company A, 20th Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf., under Capt. Matthias H. Nichols, which was sent immediately to the front, and until August was engaged mainly in guarding the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, during this period participating in numerous skirmishes. In July, 1862, Mr. Reed reenlisted, in Company B, 99th Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf., for three years, or until the close of the war, when he was honorably discharged at Cincinnati. The regiment participated in the battles of Stone River, Chickamauga, Lookout Mountain, Atlanta and Jonesboro; was with General Sherman's forces until the battle of Resaca and was placed under General Thomas at Nashville. Here Companies B and F were consolidated, or the former merged into Company F, after which the command went to Washington and Wilmington, where it again came under General Sherman and moved on to Salisbury, Raleigh, City Point and Cincinnati. During this long period Mr. Reed distinguished himself as a loyal, cheerful, faithful soldier.

Upon his return from the army, Mr. Reed was married and located four miles west of his present farm, on which he lived for seven years and then, in 1873, bought his present property.

On August 8, 1865, Mr. Reed was married to Harriet B. Napier, who was born in Trumbull County, Ohio, July 7, 1843, and is a daughter of the late William and Sarah (Huff) Napier. Mrs. Reed was a babe of three months when her parents came to Shawnee township. Her father was one of the prominent and esteemed citizens here for many years, a man of substance and much valued in the church and the community at large. Her venerable mother still survives and lives on the homestead in section 14. Mr. and Mrs. Reed have had the following children, namely: Florence, who died aged five years; Alta, living at Lima; Della, also of Lima; William E., who died at Fostoria, Ohio, aged 24 years; Mamie, who died aged 17 years; Ethel, of Lima; LeRoy, who

died in infancy; Zelpha, who married Edwin Pryer, and is residing temporarily in Missouri; and Roy, aged 15 years, who lives at home.

Like his father, Mr. Reed is a Republican. He was at one time an active member of Mart Armstrong Post, No. 202, G. A. R., of Lima, but does not now attend the meetings because of the distance from home. For the past 48 years he has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.



WILLIAM ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL, postmaster at Lima, whose portrait accompanies this sketch, belongs to one of the old Scotch families which left Scotland in 1700 and, to escape religious persecution, settled in Coleraine, County Derry, Ireland. The descendants of Dougald, Robert and John Campbell came to America between 1730 and 1840, settling in Pennsylvania; from there the descendants of Dougald removed to Rockbridge County, Virginia, those of John to Washington County, Virginia, and three sons of Robert settled at Augusta, Virginia.

Mr. Campbell's ancestry dates to Robert Campbell. Samuel L. Campbell, grandson of Robert Campbell and grandfather of our subject, became a distinguished physician in Rockbridge County, Virginia, where he died in 1840. He was connected with Washington College and Washington and Lee University as rector of the board of trustees, was treasurer of the college and was president of the faculty from 1796 to 1799. Two of his sons were graduates of the institution. He was married September 19, 1794, to Sarah Alexander, sister of Rev. Archibald Alexander, D. D., afterward president of Princeton College.

Charles Fenelon Campbell, son of Samuel L. Campbell and father of our subject, was born September 13, 1803, at Lexington, Virginia, and died at Georgetown, Ohio, September 2, 1864. He was graduated at Washington College in his 20th year and was admitted to the bar as attorney and solicitor in chancery for the State of Virginia. In 1824 he went from Virginia to Brown County, Ohio, and prac-



ticed his profession until his death, becoming eminent as a jurist throughout Southern Ohio. He published the *Whig*, and later the *Bee*, at Ripley, Ohio. He received a military education at the Virginia Military Institute, at Lexington, Virginia, and when the Rebellion broke out he was commissioned by the Governor of Ohio to organize the militia of his section of the State. His labors in this capacity brought on the disease which resulted in his death. He was an astute lawyer and an able and impartial judge. On September 12, 1833, he was married to Harriet E. Kephart, of Ripley, Ohio, and they had issue as follows: Angus K., Francis T., John Quincy Adams, Mary Antoinette, William Archibald and Charles Delevan.

William Archibald Campbell was born at Ripley, Brown County, Ohio, July 4, 1844, where he was reared and educated. In young manhood he became interested in newspaper work and in this he has continued to the present time. Mr. Campbell came to Lima in July, 1877, and with his brother, Charles D. Campbell, established the Allen County *Republican*, which was later consolidated with the Lima *Gazette*, under the name of the Lima *Republican-Gazette*, and is now one of the leading journals of the city. Mr. Campbell served in the War of 1861-65, in the Second Independent Battery, O. N. G., Light Artillery. Since March 24, 1904, he has been postmaster at Lima.

Mr. Campbell married Sallie S. Shaw, a daughter of Rev. Joseph Shaw, of Bellefontaine, Ohio, and they have five children,—Florence, Lillian, Donald D., Beatrice and Dudley A. The family home is a comfortable residence at No. 622 West North street.

**L**EACH & LEECH, the leading firm of architects at Lima, is composed of two brothers, Charles M. and F. M. Leech, son of William F. Leech, of No. 1015 Rice avenue, Lima. Both were born in Allen County.

William F. Leech, the father, was born in Pennsylvania. For many years he has been a

leading contractor here, and his work is found all over the city, represented by handsome residences and stately buildings. He built the First Congregational Church, and also the Boone Block, the latter a fine example of a well-planned business building. A soldier in the Civil War, he wore the Union blue all through that stormy time as a member of Company F, 14th Reg., Pennsylvania Vol. Inf., with the rank of corporal. Immediately after the close of his honorable service, he came to Lima which has been his place of residence ever since.

FRANK M. LEECH was reared and educated in Allen County and served an apprenticeship to the carpenter's trade. For several years prior to 1896, when his present partnership was formed, he was in business as a contractor. In 1891 he married Mary T. Hursh, who is a daughter of John Hursh, a large contractor of Mansfield, Ohio. They have two children, Clara and Marjorie. The family belong to Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, and Mr. Leech has served as a member of the official board. Politically he is a Republican, and is a member of the Republican County Central Committee. Fraternally he belongs to the Knights of Pythias and to the Royal Arcanum.

CHARLES M. LEECH was born in Allen County, June 2, 1866, where he was reared and educated. In 1890 he went to Columbus and while there he was acting superintendent for John Flynn, the architect. In 1893 he began in the architectural line himself, forming a partnership under the firm name of Leech & Thomas, which continued until he came to Lima in 1896 and, in association with his brother, formed the partnership of Leech & Leech. In 1892 he married Olive M. Sherrick, who is a daughter of the late Noah Sherrick, whose father was one of the old pioneers of Allen County. They have one son—Donald. Mr. Leech is an active member of Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a stockholder in the American Manufacturing Company, of Mattoon, Illinois. Both he and his brother are men of sterling character, dependable in all business transactions and skilled in their profession.

Since the formation of their firm, the lead-







ing one of the city, Leech & Leech have drawn the plans and superintended the erection of the Epworth Methodist Episcopal Church, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, the First Evangelical Lutheran Church, the Presbyterian Church at Portland, Ohio; Methodist Episcopal Church at Crestline, Methodist Episcopal Memorial Church at Van Wert, Mount Horeb Church in Van Wert County, South Lima Baptist Church, German Baptist Church at Lima, Wesley Methodist Episcopal Chapel near Lima, Disciples' Church at Mannington, West Virginia, and numerous other churches at different points. Other buildings of various kinds have been erected all over the State, including a town hall at Beaver Dam and one at Lafayette. In Lima they have done a great deal of work, recently finishing Dr. Bennett's apartment house on West Market street, and have submitted plans for important work in 1906, which will include two or three blocks at Bluffton, the hospital for contagious diseases at Lima, and buildings in many of the neighboring counties.

**B**ENJAMIN L. JAUMAN, senior member of the undertaking firm of Jauman & Weger, funeral directors and embalmers, at Delphos, and one of the city's esteemed citizens, was born August 10, 1876, in Marion township, Allen County, Ohio, and is a son of Anthony and Cresencia (Graf) Jauman.

Anthony Jauman was born in August, 1837, in Germany, and died in Ohio on Thanksgiving Day, 1903, aged 66 years. He was a pioneer of the county and engaged in farming and dairying in Marion township. He came to America shortly after the close of the Civil War and settled in Marion township, Allen County, Ohio, where George Lang's mill and elevator now stand. For 25 years he followed dairying and was one of the best known residents of Marion township, one who was regarded with general esteem, on account of his honest and upright character. His widow, born in 1842, resides at Delphos. Their eight children are all living.

Benjamin L. Jauman was educated in the

German union schools at Delphos, and was 15 years old when he became a clerk for Joseph Krift in the furniture business, some years later going to Defiance, Ohio, where he was employed in the furniture and undertaking lines. He then lived at Lima for two years, engaged in the same business, and while there completed a course in the Cincinnati College of Embalming. Mr. Jauman then came to Delphos and, in partnership with his brother, Joseph Jauman, embarked in a furniture and undertaking business, under the firm name of Jauman Brothers, our subject taking charge of the latter branch of the business.

On September 21, 1905, in partnership with Augustus E. Weger, Mr. Jauman purchased the business of H. J. Burgfelt. The style of the firm is now Jauman & Weger. They have well-equipped quarters on Main street, in the central part of the city. Mr. Weger is also interested in the photographic business and devotes the greater portion of his time to that branch, while Mr. Jauman is the active member of the firm in the undertaking line.

Mr. Jauman is a member of the Church of St. John the Evangelist at Delphos. He is connected with the Elks and the Knights of Columbus, at Lima, and with the Catholic Knights of Ohio, at Delphos. Both Mr. Jauman and Mr. Weger are young men of irreproachable character and are numbered with the best citizens of Delphos.

**W**ILLIAM R. JONES, a prominent resident of Lima, is a stockholder in a number of oil companies. He was born May 11, 1867, in Steelville, Chester County, Pennsylvania, and is a son of Emmor S. Jones, who was formerly a leading contractor of the county named, but is now retired from active life.

The early years of our subject were spent on a farm in his native county, where he later engaged in farming for himself, at the same time buying and selling live-stock, greatly to his pecuniary advantage. In 1889 he came to Lima and immediately secured work with the Lake Erie & Western Railroad, remaining in



the freight department of that road for about nine years. For two years he conducted a grocery store and then resumed work in the railroad office for a short time. Then he and his brother bought the grocery store on the corner of North and Jackson streets, which they conducted under the style of Jones Brothers. Later they disposed of that stock and opened another store in the Masonic Temple, which they sold in 1902. They then invested their money in the oil business, their first venture being in the Beaver Dam field. Mr. Jones is a producer and contractor, with interests in the Cylinder Oil Company, of Joliet, Illinois, whose official board is as follows: Julian Barnes, president; John H. Savage, secretary; and George H. Munroe, treasurer. He is also connected with the Eagle Petroleum Company, of Cleveland, Ohio, the officers of which are: T. M. Marks, president; A. P. Hammond, secretary; and H. J. Brooks, treasurer, all of Cleveland. In addition to having an interest in these organizations, he has charge of the Euclid Oil Company, and the Dr. Charles E. Lawton Company.

Mr. Jones was married November 17, 1893, to Addie M. Johns, daughter of Samuel Johns, of Pulaski County, Indiana. They have two children—Frederick and Mary Helen. Mr. Jones is a member of the Church of Christ and is also affiliated with the Knights of the Macca-bees.

**W**ILLIAM A. CORE owns 52 acres of fine farm land in section 29, Perry township, where he has been a resident for several years and has come to be known as one of the progressive agriculturists and reliable, upright citizens of the community. He was born March 25, 1856, in Noble County, Indiana, his parents being William and Mary Ann (Rogers) Core.

William Core, the elder, was born in Pennsylvania and remained there until he had grown to manhood, when he moved to Logan County, Ohio, and later to Indiana. He engaged in farming in Noble County, Indiana, until 1877, when he came to Allen County and settled on

the farm just south of the one now owned by our subject. Here he carried on farming until his death, which occurred about 1883 at the age of 73 years. His death and that of his wife occurred within the same year. She was formerly Mary Ann Rogers, daughter of Horace Rogers, of Morrow County, Ohio, and came originally from New York. She was the mother of the following children: Celestia (Shindollar); Andrew, who, although under age, joined an Ohio regiment and served three years in the Civil War, taking part in many of the fiercest engagements; Eureka (Schamp); Horace; Seymour; Olive (Fielder); William A.; Rufus; Gashum; and Marion.

William A. Core has been a farmer the greater part of his life. When he came to Allen County, a young man of 21 years, he began doing for himself by hiring out by the month as a farm-hand. He was identified with the oil industry for about six years, together with a number of citizens of Lima, but he abandoned that enterprise to give his attention again to agriculture. He rented the O. B. Selfridge farm which he cultivated about five years, after which he rented the farm of his brother-in-law for five years, and then purchased his present property of Frank Parrott.

Mr. Core was married in 1880 to Mary Lucettie Shockey, a native of Perry township and a daughter of Christopher Shockey. They have two children, Arlie C., who was born August 2, 1882, and Clarence E., born September 2, 1891. The elder son resides in Lima. He married Myra Brewer who died in Colorado, where she had gone in the hope of regaining her health. Mr. Core is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a Prohibitionist in politics; but is independent enough to give his support to the best man, regardless of party.

**P**HILIP JACOB ALTSTAETTER, who resides on the old Altstaetter homestead farm of 160 acres, situated in section 18, Monroe township, was born on this farm August 10, 1861, and is a son of Jacob and Catherine (Bucher) Altstaetter.

Elsewhere in this work—in the sketches of







Frederic and George L. Altstaetter, brothers of our subject—will be found an extended notice of the parents of our subject who were the early founders of the German settlement here, and for many years very prominent residents. Philip Jacob is the 12th in their family of 13 children.

Our subject was reared to plenty of hard work on the home farm, as his father was a man who believed in industry and set the example. His schooling was obtained in the district schools and he remained at home until 23 years of age. He then worked at the carpenter's trade for two years at Dayton and continued to be thus engaged for some four years after he returned to Allen County. After his marriage, in 1889, he went to Columbus Grove and there first clerked in a dry goods and hardware store, and then bought a half interest in a furniture and undertaking business there, which he subsequently sold, returning to the old homestead in 1898. Here he has carried on general farming and stock-raising.

On January 1, 1889, Mr. Altstaetter was married to Emma L. Miller, who was born January 1, 1868, in Monroe township, Allen County, Ohio, and is a daughter of Henry and Mary (Sauer) Miller, natives of Hesse, Germany, who accompanied their respective parents to America in childhood, the Millers, settling in Pennsylvania, and the Sauers in Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Miller had 14 children and the wife of our subject is the third in order of birth. Mr. and Mrs. Altstaetter have eight children, namely: Emil Henry, Gilbert William, Clifford Jacob, Mary Catharine, Waldo Emerson, Albert Arthur, Clara Helena and Lena Albertina.

Mr. Altstaetter is a Democrat. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias lodge at Columbus Grove. He has the German's gift of music and is an expert violinist. Among many interesting relics in the old homestead, he takes especial pride in a fine violin which was purchased at Antwerp, where he visited in 1885. This violin was made in Italy after the pattern of one fashioned in 1715. The old homestead has numerous examples of the cabinet-making skill of his father and some of the pieces of furni-

ture that were made from rough timber in the pioneer days. He also prizes highly an old family Bible, which is still well-preserved, although it was printed in 1745.



AMUEL B. EARLY, a prosperous agriculturist of German township, has been a lifelong resident of Allen County, having been born in Sugar Creek township April 15, 1849. His paternal grandfather came from Germany to America and settled in Rockingham County, Virginia, and it was there Jacob Early, the father of our subject, was born, April 20, 1816. He grew to manhood and was married to Mary Simmons, daughter of John Simmons, also of Rockingham County. About 1839 the family moved to Ohio, and in 1862 became citizens of German township, Allen County. A family of seven sons and two daughters were born to them, viz: Noah, Isaac, Abraham, Jonas, John, Jacob, Samuel B., Sarah and Elizabeth. Only four are living, namely: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Samuel. Abraham, Noah and Jonas served in the Civil War, the last named meeting his death at Stone River in 1863. Noah, who was a private, was severely wounded but lived until October, 1903. Abraham was captured by the Rebels and was still confined in Andersonville at the time of Lee's surrender.

Samuel B. Early was reared and educated in this vicinity and has always been a farmer. He was married in 1870 to Emeline King, daughter of Aaron King, of Logan County, Ohio. This union resulted in the birth of 13 children, viz.: Charles, who married Carrie Irvin, has two children, Eva and Ray, and lives in Van Wert County; Mittie, who married Jesse Byerly in 1895 and has four children—Lois, Victor, Faith and Dwight; Mary, who married Michael Roeder, of Bath township, and is the mother of five children—Edith, Dale, Irene, Don and an infant; Dean; Schuyler; Sarah, John; Zelma; Russell; Jacob; Schula and two that died in infancy. Mrs. Early died May 14, 1896, and our subject was again married, in November, 1899, to Elizabeth Wenger, of Au-



gusta County, Virginia, and they have two children: Carrie Beatrice and Fleeta Christine. Mr. Early is a trustee of the German Baptist Church, of Bath township, of which he is a member.

**J**ESSE GUY HONNELL, M. D. The death of Dr. Jesse G. Honnell, on July 13, 1898, removed from Allen County one of its pioneer physicians and universally valued citizens. Dr. Honnell was born in Greene County, Pennsylvania, January 9, 1831, and was a son of William and Ellen Honnell.

Jesse G. Honnell was one of a large family, his parents rearing 12 children. No family in his section displayed more notable patriotism during the Civil War, than did the sons of William Honnell. One brother of Dr. Honnell, Capt. T. C. Honnell, served through the war; another, Rev. William Honnell, was chaplain of a regiment during the war, and a third, Rainey Honnell, was taken prisoner on the field of battle and his young life went out in Andersonville Prison.

Jesse G. Honnell was about six years old when his parents came to Ohio and settled at Sidney, in Shelby County, where he remained until 21 years of age. He obtained his literary education in the local schools and prepared for medical college by reading with a physician at Sidney, after which he entered the Cleveland Medical College, where he was graduated when 24 years of age. He practiced for about a year near Port Jefferson. In 1855 he married and with his bride came to Allen County, locating at Beaver Dam, where he was the only physician for a long time. This being the case, his practice was of the most exhausting kind, entailing much riding over the country and loss of rest and sleep in his efforts to respond to calls for his medical care. He was beloved and honored and, when five years prior to his death, his failing health made retirement from the profession necessary, he was followed into private life by the love and gratitude of those whom he had faithfully served for almost 40 years. During this time he had accumulated a competency and had invested in farming

lands, owning at the time of his death a farm of 43 acres, on which Mrs. Honnell still resides, and one of 160 acres north of the village, on which he had a tenant installed.

Dr. Honnell was married October 30, 1855, at Piqua, Miami County, Ohio, to Amelia C. Clark, who was born April 25, 1834, in Livingston County, New York, her parents being Rev. E. W. and Mary P. (Stiles) Clark, both of whom were born in New York. The father of Mrs. Honnell was a Baptist clergyman. He was one of a large family, having nine brothers and five sisters. Dr. and Mrs. Honnell had six children, as follows: Estella, who is the wife of Henry Shull, of Beaver Dam; Carrie, who is the wife of Clayton Hobart, of Detroit; Annie, who is the wife of James E. Marshall, of Chicago; Mary F., who died in infancy; Jessie C., who died aged 17 years; and Eugene Guy, who resides on the farm with his mother.

Dr. Honnell was a man who took a deep interest in his community and who kept well informed concerning current events. In early life he was a Democrat, later became a Prohibitionist; but was never what might be called a politician; in fact he was inclined to vote independently, turning his influence toward the candidate who in his judgment would most efficiently perform the duties required. For about 40 years he was an active member of the Presbyterian Church at Rockport. He is still recalled by his fellow-citizens with the greatest respect and esteem.

**J**AMES A. JACOBS, a prominent agriculturist of Perry township, residing in section 21, was born in Clinton County, Ohio, March 4, 1833, and is a representative of one of the oldest families in the State, the family having located in Warren County in 1802. His parents were John P. and Elizabeth (Hazard) Jacobs, and his grandparents were Jehu and Elizabeth (Kreitser) Jacobs. The Jacobs family were founded in America during early colonial days when the first ancestor came from England during the time of William Penn and settled in Pennsylvania. The Jacobs








were Quakers in religion and lived in what was afterwards Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. Here the great-grandfather, John Jacobs, was born during the latter part of the 18th century. He was a soldier of the Revolution and in 1812 located in Miami County, Ohio, where he lived until his death at the ripe old age of 95 years.

Jehu Jacobs was also a native of Pennsylvania while his wife, Elizabeth Kreitser, was from Holland. They came to Warren County, Ohio, in 1802, before the State had been admitted into the Union, and located on part of the land owned by Governor Morrow, of Ohio. This land was little more than a wilderness which had to be cleared before any farming could be done. They were industrious and persevering and, although they began life poor, they accumulated considerable means during their lives. Their children were Eliza, Samuel, John P., Ann, Samuel and James J. The last named, who is an esteemed resident of Lima, is the only member of the family living.

John P. Jacobs was born in Warren County, Ohio, June 3, 1806, and was there married in 1829 to Elizabeth Hazard, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Miller) Hazard, of Dutchess County, New York. They were the parents of four children, viz: Elizabeth, who died in infancy; James A.; Phoebe D., widow of William Harrod and a resident of Auglaize County; and Ann, wife of John Harrod,—both now deceased. In 1833 John P. Jacobs came to Allen County on a prospecting tour, and the following year brought his family, locating in Union township, which is now in Auglaize County. They were the seventh family possessing sufficient temerity to venture into the new country and the hardships and privations endured uncomplainingly by them cannot now be appreciated. In 1858 Mr. Jacobs moved to Perry township and lived in section 21 until April 2, 1880, when his wife died. Thereafter he made his home with our subject until his own death in February, 1888. He was a Democrat in politics and a man of strong conviction and resolute character.

James A. Jacobs remained at home until his 23rd year, when he spent two years in Auglaize County, returning in 1859 and settling on the homestead where he still lives. In 1862 he

went to California and for about four years engaged in mining in that State, and in Washington and Idaho. The trip out was made by boat, but the return was on horseback with a party of about 20 other travelers. Mr. Jacobs has devoted the greater part of his life to farming. He has taken advantage, however, of the fact that his land lies in the oil belt and had 10 oil-wells sunk on his farm, which are no inconsiderable source of income. Mr. Jacobs was married on April 17, 1856, to Martha J. Bitler, daughter of Samuel and Mary (Rumer) Bitler, of Union township, Auglaize County. Six children have been born to this marriage, viz.: Elwin, John C., Samuel D., Charles D., William H. and Olive O. Elwin, born February 24, 1857, became the wife of F. M. Bacomé (now deceased), by whom she had one child, Frankie G. She was married, a second time, to Thomas P. Leatherman, of Auglaize township. John C., born November 23, 1858, resides near his father. He married Luella French, daughter of George French, and is the father of two children,—Jessie and Charles D. Samuel D., born October 28, 1860, lives at home. Charles D., born March 27, 1870, died in 1890. William H. was born March 3, 1872. Olive O., born October 2, 1874, is the wife of H. C. Franklin, whose biography appears on another page of this work. Mr. Jacobs is a Democrat and has held a number of township offices, serving as justice of the peace and assessor. He is a member of Siskiyou Lodge, No. 105, F. & A. M., having joined that order while in Siskiyou County, California. In religious belief Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs are Universalists.

 B. PALMER, of the firm of Palmer & Owen, carriage manufacturers of Lima, is a native of Columbus, Indiana, and was born in 1859. His father, George W. Palmer, is still a resident of Columbus and is now in his 87th year. He has been one of the leading citizens of Bartholomew County, was treasurer of the county for two terms and was employed to rewrite the records of the county, a task which required two years of hard work to complete.



He was employed in the pension office for 16 years.

When J. B. Palmer was a lad of 14 years, he went to Rochester, New York, where he entered a carriage-shop and learned how to manufacture a buggy and carriage from the raw material. He was with the James Cunningham, Son & Company for two years and then worked at different places throughout the United States until 1899, when he came to Lima and formed a partnership with M. D. Owen. They opened a factory at the rear of No. 121-123 West Market street, where they make a specialty of manufacturing first-class buggies and carriages. During the six years since their establishment they have done a good business, having a splendid local trade and extending their sales into the surrounding territory. They have the name of putting out the best vehicles manufactured in the State and merit the large patronage accorded them.

In 1887, Mr. Palmer was married to Caroline Kaiser, whose father is Henry Kaiser, of the Henry Kaiser Buggy Company, of Kenton, Ohio. Their only child is Pauline Marie. Mr. Palmer is a member of the Knights of Pythias of Lima.



**WILLIAM FRANKLIN BOOGHER**, who for many years has been the most prominent business man and citizen of Hume, is a man of great business capacity, and has successfully engaged in various ventures.

He is a man of public spirit and enterprise and for years has performed his share in making Hume an active business point. He is at the present extensively engaged in the grain business, serves as agent and operator for the Lake Erie & Western Railroad, and is postmaster of the town.

Mr. Boogher was born in Greene County, Ohio, May 15, 1861, and is a son of Seely and Margaret (Helwig) Boogher. His grandfather, Daniel G. Boogher, who was a native of Pennsylvania, located in Montgomery County, Ohio, when the city of Dayton had but four houses. His farm was situated on the Green County line, and a part of the family lived in

that county. He resided there until his death in 1882. He married Rachel Danford and they had a large family of children.

Seely Boogher, father of our subject, was born in Montgomery County, Ohio, and upon marrying located across the line in Greene County. His wife, Margaret Helwig, a native of Allegheny, Pennsylvania, was seven years old when she moved from Pennsylvania to Cincinnati with her father, William Helwig. Two children were born of this union, William Franklin, the subject of this sketch, and Alvin G., who lives in Santa Fe, Auglaize County, Ohio.

William F. Boogher was a boy when his parents moved to Montgomery County and there received his educational training in district schools and in the public schools of Dayton until he was 13 years old, when his widowed mother moved to New Bremen, Ohio, in 1874. He then entered the postoffice at that place, and continued there until 1880, when he came to Hume, accepting the position of agent and operator for the Lake Erie & Western Railroad. He served as such until 1890, and after that date served solely as agent until 1900, since which time he has again discharged the duties of operator as well.

In 1881 he bought the general store and grain business of William L. Metheany and has been in the grain business ever since. He disposed of his store in 1895. In December, 1881, he was also appointed postmaster and has served as such ever since, except from 1893 to 1897, during Cleveland's second administration.

He also operated a sawmill and engaged in the lumber business from 1885 to 1900. In addition to the many duties devolving on him in the capacities enumerated, he was engaged as oil producer and contractor during the oil activity in his section of the county, continuing during the 12 years ending in 1902. He has an unlimited capacity for work and at the time mentioned was putting in about 20 hours a day in hard work.

It is to his untiring efforts and a natural capacity for business he owes his continued success.

On August 13, 1882, Mr. Boogher married







Louisa Fritz, a native of St. Marys, Ohio, and a daughter of Adam Fritz, of New Bremen. Six children blessed their union, of whom the following are living: Alice M., William F., Jr., Charles Oscar and Hazel Augusta. Those deceased are: Nellie E. and Edward L.

Politically, Mr. Boogher has always been an ardent Republican and has held numerous township offices; among them, township clerk for two years, and member of the School Board for six years, serving one year as president of the board. He was candidate for county recorder one year in opposition to Peter T. Mell, and although defeated made a remarkable race. In the Democratic stronghold of Shawnee township he received the handsome majority of 52 votes. It was the first and the only time the township has ever gone Republican on a State election. For three years he served on the board of directors of the Allen County Fair. Fraternally, he is a member of the Knights of Pythias and of the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

Although a comparatively young man, just entering middle life, Mr. Boogher is a man of wide experience and has been the longest resident of the town, being sometimes referred to as the "Father of Hume."

**J**OHAN N. HUTCHISON, probate judge of Allen County, and one of the most able members of the bar, is an old and highly respected resident of Lima, having been a citizen for upwards of 30 years. He was born in Monroe County, Ohio, July 10, 1845, and is one of six children whose parents were Alexander C. and Rachel (Nelson) Hutchison. The elder Hutchison was a native of Washington County, Pennsylvania, and his wife was a native of Ireland. In his early days he had learned the trade of a tanner and he carried on this work in connection with his farming operations. He died in 1894.

John N. Hutchison was a student of Washington and Jefferson College, of Washington, Pennsylvania, graduating with the class of 1872. James G. Blaine was present at the graduating exercises of the class, and was cele-

brating the 25th anniversary of his graduation from the same college. He then read law at Wheeling, West Virginia, under the preceptorship of Bridge Cracraft and was admitted to the bar by the Supreme Court of West Virginia in 1874, at which time he was also admitted to the practice of the law in Ohio. In the fall of the same year he came to Lima and at once formed a partnership with M. L. Becker, the firm of Hutchison & Becker being continued two years. Then this partnership was dissolved and our subject became associated with Hon. John E. Richie. Later the old firm of Hutchison & Becker was reestablished and continued until Mr. Hutchison began practicing alone. He has a large clientage among the best class of people and gives to his cases his best efforts.

Mr. Hutchison was married to Emily C. Cunningham, daughter of James Cunningham, of Lima, who was an old settler and a veteran of the Civil War. Two children were born to this union, namely: Clarence C., deceased, and Halce, who lives at home. Clarence C. enlisted in the late Spanish-American War and underwent exposures that resulted in his contracting quick consumption, from which he died in 1899. The family are members of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Hutchison once served as justice of the peace and also served as city solicitor of Lima, and it is the general consensus of opinion that there could not have been a wiser selection for the office of probate judge. He is a member of the local bar association and is also a prominent Odd Fellow and Knight of Pythias.

**P**ETER M. NEUENSCHWANDER, deceased, who for over 30 years was a resident of Richland township, mainly engaged in agricultural pursuits, was born in Wayne County, Ohio, June 14, 1842, and was one of a family of 13 children born to John and Magdalena (Loyman) Neuenschwander, the former a native of Switzerland and the latter of Wayne County, Ohio.

At the age of about seven years Peter M.



Neuenschwander accompanied his parents to Iowa where they lived until he was 14. Returning to Ohio, they moved to the present homestead of our subject's widow, where he continued to live until 1870, when he went to Bluffton and for 12 years was engaged as a brick and stone mason. He then returned to the farm, but continued to work at his trade in addition to farming up to the time of his death. The farm originally consisted of 160 acres, 100 acres of which were afterwards sold and an adjoining 50 purchased. In addition to this, he also owned 40 acres about half a mile from his home farm. He was an energetic, industrious man and spent few idle hours. His spare time during the winter was spent in hewing timber to be used in the construction of his barns and other buildings. His first home was a log cabin; but he built for his family four good homes at different times during his life, one being a fine brick residence in Bluffton and one the substantial brick house which is now the residence of his widow.

Mary Katherine Zerbach was born in Hessen, Darmstadt, Germany, February 14, 1852, and is a daughter of John and Barbara (Thomasparger) Zerbach, with whom she came to the United States when a girl of 16. Her father is now in his 86th year, hale and hearty, and makes his home with his daughter, Mrs. Neuenschwander. The mother passed away about three years ago. In May, 1870, Miss Zerbach and Mr. Neuenschwander were united in marriage and a family of 13 children were born to them, namely: Noah, a resident of Bluffton; William, a resident of Richland township; Louis, also of Richland township; Dora, wife of Albert Logbrake, of Findlay, Ohio; Alma, wife of David Steinbrenner, of Bluffton; Henry; Mary; Sarah; Walter, who is a student in the Ohio Northern University at Ada; Clara; Gertrude; Bessie and one who died in infancy. Mr. Neuenschwander was a Democrat and held various school offices, always using his influence for the upbuilding and improvement of the schools. He was a member of the German Reformed Church, and a man whose sterling worth caused him to be universally respected. His death, which occurred January 1, 1902,

was regarded as a personal loss by all who knew him. His voice is no longer heard, but the influence of his noble life will continue to be felt long after the present generation has passed away.

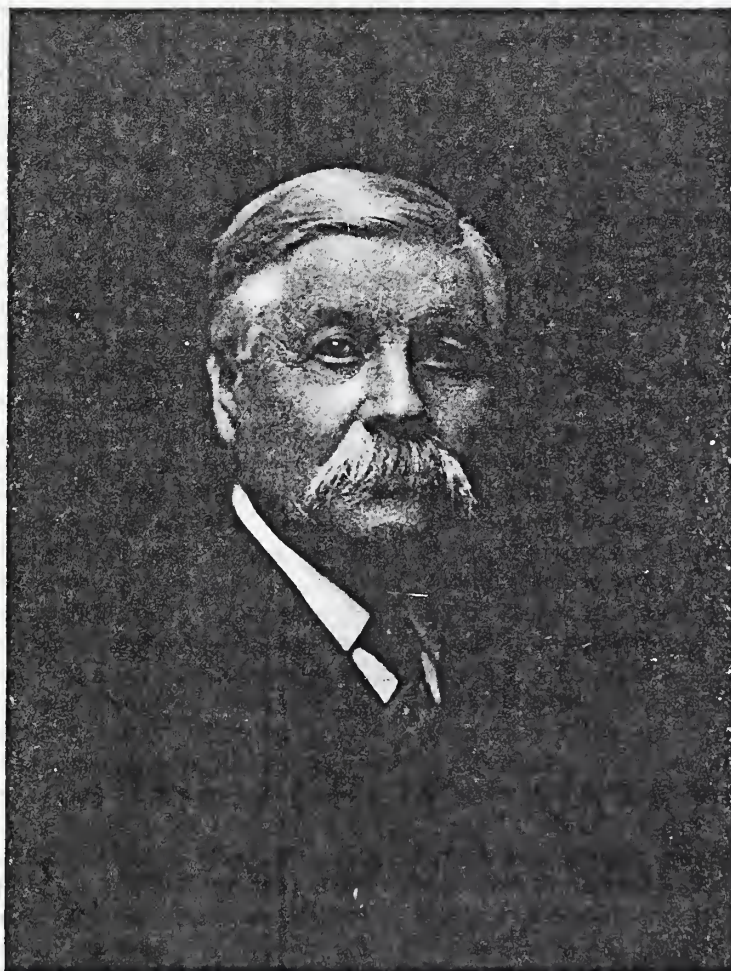
**J**OHN H. BERRYMAN, one of the influential agriculturists of Shawnee township, residing in section 3, was born August 19, 1843, in that part of Allen County, which has since been set off to Auglaize County. His parents were Russell and Margaret (Slain) Berryman and his grandparents, William and Rachel (Clausen) Berryman. The grandfather came from England and settled in New Jersey, from which State he entered the Continental Army. Later he moved to Virginia and about the year 1800 located in Montgomery County, Ohio. He and his sons entered a large body of land which extended along the Auglaize River some two miles and included what is now the Fort Amanda farm. Here he tilled the soil and also did considerable work at shoemaking, which trade he had learned in early life.

Russell Berryman was born in Montgomery County, Ohio, January 10, 1814, and seven years later accompanied his parents to Allen County. The two white families who had already settled here comprised the entire white population of the county at that time. Their supplies were to be had only at the expense of a long, tedious journey to Dayton or Toledo, and most of what we consider necessities were unknown to the pioneer homes. As Russell Berryman grew older he helped clear the farm and care for the growing crops and, as the land was rich and mellow, the wooden mould-board plow answered very well for breaking up the soil and making it ready for planting. When the grain had ripened, the sickle and cradle were used for harvesting it, many of the pioneers boasting of their skill and the rapidity of their work with these implements. The Indians were a constant menace to the quiet of the rapidly growing community and a military company was formed for defense against them, Mr. Berryman being the captain. He









HON. RICHARD E. JONES, M. D.




died on the homestead in 1877 in the 63rd year of his age. He married Margaret Slain, who was a native of Virginia, and the following children were born to them, viz.: Cornelia (Stocken); Ephraim, deceased; Rosabelle (Blackburn), deceased; John H.; and James. Mr. Berryman was a Democrat.

John H. Berryman was reared to manhood on a farm about one mile south of Fort Amanda, where he remained until 1867. He then rented a farm and began buying and feeding cattle for the market. This proved profitable and enabled him to purchase the Dickey farm, and afterwards the Goodman farm, then known as the Turkey Foot farm. Following this, he moved to Lima and engaged in the manufacture and sale of buggies for about one year after which he returned to the country and located on his present farm. About 1879 Mr. Berryman had purchased this property from the heirs of his wife's father. In addition to buying and shipping stock, he also began butchering, a business which he conducted for many years. For about seven years he ran a dairy, keeping 60 cows to supply the milk. His land is situated in the oil belt, and at the present time eight wells are being pumped.

On March 12, 1868, Mr. Berryman was married to Sally Columbia Boyd, who was born February 3, 1845, on the farm which is still her home. Her parents were Abraham and Maria (Hover) Boyd. Her maternal grandfather, Ezekiel Hover, came from New Jersey about 1832 and settled in Trumbull County, Ohio, removing in 1833 to Allen County as one of the first pioneers. Mr. and Mrs. Berryman have been blessed with a family of seven children, viz.: Myrtle, wife of William Minton; Margaret, who married John R. Bristow and has one child, John R. Jr.; Russell, who was a naval cadet four years and died in his 26th year; Mabel, who died when four years of age; Harriet, who married J. M. Davis and died leaving two children—Calvin Russell and Harriet Berryman; Robert Fulton, a graduate of Oberlin College, who is now a teacher in the Philippines; and Waldo, a member of Company C, Second Regiment, Ohio National Guard, who lives at home. Mrs. Berryman is a member of the Presbyterian Church, while Mr. Ber-

ryman holds a membership in the Methodist Episcopal denomination. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. Like his father, he is a Democrat, and has served as school director, justice of the peace, trustee, assessor and supervisor. He was the party candidate for nomination for Congress, but withdrew his name, much to the disappointment of his many friends who would have strongly supported his candidacy.

ON. RICHARD E. JONES, M. D., whose portrait accompanies this sketch, may be aptly referred to as the "Grand Old Man." When this title is bestowed, it is conferred on one who is not only eminent in one or more direction, but whose life, achievements and character appeal to all that is best and highest in human nature. Hon. Richard E. Jones, M. D., is the "Grand Old Man" of Gomer, where, for half a century he has gone in and out among his fellow-men, ministering to them in sickness, advising them in trouble, defending them with ripe judgment in business complications, representing them with dignity and fidelity in the Legislature, and setting them a high example in his interpretation of Christian life and fellowship. Dr. Jones is not an American by birth, but he is one by development. Although in accord with American ideas and institutions, his heart still fondly turns to the homestead at Tawelfan, Llanbrynmair, Montgomeryshire, North Wales, where he was born on April 19, 1834. His parents were William and Mary (Evans) Jones, names familiar to every Welshman.

William Jones, the father, was born at Tymayr, North Wales, and lived to be 90 years old, dying in Allen County, Ohio, a man generally respected and esteemed. In April, 1848, William Jones decided to emigrate to America with his little family, and hence took passage on the sailing vessel bearing the friendly name of "William Penn." After a more or less trying voyage of eight weeks on the Atlantic Ocean, the strangers were landed at Philadelphia, with a long journey by rail, river and canal still before them ere they could





reach their destination in Allen County. In time the father acquired a half-section of land and throughout his entire active life was an agriculturist. He was interested in the founding and supporting of the Welsh Congregational Church at Gomer, and for many years was one of its deacons. He married Mary Evans, who was born in North Wales, and survived her husband but two years, dying at the age of 79. The three children of this union were: Richard E.; William, a resident of Lima; and Mary, who died unmarried.

Richard E. Jones was a bright, intelligent youth of 14 years when the family reached Sugar Creek township and settled on the selected farm, some seven miles north of Lima. He readily recalls the pioneer surroundings and the wild state of the country between Delphos and Gomer, wagon tracks taking the place of roads, this condition of affairs making transportation during bad weather almost an impossibility. He remained with his father for about two years, assisting on the farm until the second son could take his place, and then turned his attention to the study of medicine, an ambition he had long cherished. About 1851 he became a student under Dr. Monroe, at Vaughnsville, and under his direction continued his professional reading through some four years, afterward attending the medical lectures and pursuing the course at Miami Medical College, Cincinnati, from which he was graduated in February, 1856.

The year of 1855 was one of unusual sickness in this locality and, in dating the beginning of his practice, Dr. Jones may justly name this year, during which he probably was kept as busy in visiting patients all over the township as for any like period in his career. Dr. Jones has always been a general practitioner and a close student, having been very active in the diffusion of medical knowledge. He was one of the early promoters of medical societies in the county, is a member of various medical organizations throughout the State, and for a number of years served as president and secretary of the Northwestern Ohio Medical Association. Outside of his profession, he has served on many civic bodies, and has taken a prominent part in business and social life. For

a long period he has been one of the directors of The First National Bank of Lima. When the Elida Pioneer Society was organized 12 years ago, he was naturally chosen as its president. It is probably the largest organization of the kind in the State, having an attendance of about 10,000 at its annual meetings, which are looked upon in the light of most enjoyable events. The Elida Pioneer Society held a notable meeting on August 11, 1904, and in the list of its officers may be found the names of the leading men of importance in Allen County, beginning with the president, Dr. R. E. Jones.

Dr. Jones has always been identified with the Democratic party, casting his first presidential vote for James Buchanan. For 42 years he served as treasurer of Sugar Creek township, during 40 years of this period being obliged to contend with a large Republican majority in the township, but his personal popularity has always been so great that in any contest where he has been concerned party lines have been entirely ignored. He served two terms in the General Assembly, demonstrating there his ability as a statesman, and but adding to the confidence and trust which his fellow-citizens already reposed in him. For 57 years he has been a member of the Welsh Congregational Church at Gomer and has been one of its most liberal supporters and useful members. During the erection of two church edifices and the remodeling of one, he has served on the building committee, his care and judgment being the means of obtaining the best results through the least possible expenditure.

Dr. Jones has never married; seemingly he has so given his life and energies to those who have needed his services as to ignore the possible possession of a domestic circle of his own. While he has acceptably filled many positions, he has always been first and foremost a physician, and as such has borne many of the heaviest burdens of the community for more than two-score years. Between him and those to whom he has ministered so faithfully exists a sentiment much deeper than confidence and esteem; for his faithfulness in times of trouble and distress, his heroic efforts to save life, or to prolong it, and his deep, warm sympathy when all his skill, experience and learning could



not combat disease, are so well known that herein lies the feeling with which his fellow townsmen regard him. Admired as he is as a physician, he is beloved and revered as a man. In him the weak and friendless, the humble and the obscure, have found as true and faithful a friend and physician, as have those whose lives of affluence and ease have not prevented the inroads of disease or the grip of affliction. That Dr. Jones, with his multitudinous interests, his private friendships and public tasks should have remained the same kind, unobtrusive, gentle-mannered citizen, accessible to everyone—ready to freely give himself, his time, his money, his skill—might surprise a stranger, but to those who know him best, this is but an example of what they have always found and is one reason why he is the "Grand Old Man."

On June 11, 1904, dawned the sun on the 70th birth year of Gomer's best beloved citizen. The day and its significance had not escaped him, but he had no conception of the manner in which it was to be celebrated by his fellow-citizens and friends, even in far-off Wales. It has been the editor's privilege to peruse the glowing accounts published in the Ohio journals, and it seems but a fitting close to this imperfect biography to speak at length of the interesting events of that notable day.

Dr. Jones has a beautiful home, set in handsome grounds surrounded by shrubbery and, in season, by beautiful flowers, cared for by Edith Jones, the admirable lady who presides here—her uncle's homemaker and often his almoner. When his birthday was approaching, Miss Jones, with Dr. Davis, a partner of 42 years, and several very near and dear friends, began to plan a little surprise for the beloved Doctor, with the intention of offering some entertainment at his home to those of his closest friends who would be delighted with an opportunity to do him honor on his natal day. By the time Miss Jones, and those with whom she consulted, had remembered 1,500 names, the project had assumed such proportions that the original idea was changed and the elaborate celebration was planned which later took place. An honorary committee composed of these citi-

zens undertook the task of sending out invitations: Dr. S. A. Baxter, Lima; A. M. Bushey, Gomer; Rev. R. Lloyd Roberts, Gomer; Dr. Frank D. Bain, Kenton; Hon. S. D. Crites, Elida; Dr. C. B. Stemen, Fort Wayne, Indiana; Thomas H. Jones, Lima; Samuel T. Griffith, Cincinnati; Alexander Shenk, Delphos; Judge J. M. Pugh, Columbus; Hon. J. G. Roberts, Elida, corresponding secretary. This committee sent out 1,200 invitations; out of this number, only 64 letters and telegrams of regret were received, and they came from admiring friends in different sections of the United States and from across the Atlantic.

Gomer is essentially a settlement of Welsh pioneers who brought hither their habits of frugality and industry, their high ideals of right and wrong and their religious convictions. Here they have multiplied and flourished and, in large measure, retained the leading characteristics of their native land. From Gomer have gone out many men and women who have taken an honorable part in the country's affairs. On the day mentioned, all Gomer was in gala attire and the whole town was interested in the celebration about to take place. The reception committee was composed of Miss Edith Jones, Mrs. Dr. John Davis, Mrs. William Price, Rev. R. Lloyd Roberts, Dr. C. B. Stemen and Hon. S. D. Crites. A bountiful feast had been prepared by hundreds of willing hands and after it had been enjoyed, Dr. S. A. Baxter, himself an honored and beloved citizen of Allen County, called the meeting to order as presiding officer. Then followed poems, speeches and the presentation of numberless beautiful gifts, all in such generous profusion, that the good Doctor's eyes filled with moisture, and when his time came to speak to this great concourse which represented only a part of his friends, he found that his ready wit, his easy speech and confidence of manner, which had never deserted him before critical bodies in public and business life, failed him, to a degree, in the presence of a seemingly boundless affection. Restraining his emotion, however, he heartily thanked those who had met to do him so much honor, his closing remarks being:

"You will pardon me if I am overwhelmed







with emotion at seeing so many old and young friends. There are but few here, but those I know intimately. To these and to those who send regrets from all over this broad land, the land of my adoption, and schoolmates and friends of my boyhood days in my native land, my heart goes out to overflowing. The tokens of your esteem will be highly prized as long as I live, and this day will never be eliminated from my memory. May God bless you all."

Dr. Baxter presented many notable people present, all of whom spoke at some length, expressing beautiful sentiments of admiration, appreciation and good will. Among these were: Hon. S. S. Wheeler, E. B. Walkup, Dr. Beardsley, Dr. William Enslen and Hon. John G. Roberts. The last speech on the program was a sincerely eulogistic one, made by an old friend and colleague of Dr. Jones, Dr. C. B. Stemen, of Fort Wayne, Indiana. Then with a touching prayer by Rev. I. J. Swanson and the singing of "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow," this remarkable demonstration was officially at an end. The remainder of the beautiful day was spent in visiting and social reunions of a most agreeable character. Much beautiful music was rendered during and after the exercises. Dr. Jones possesses musical ability himself, as do almost all native Welshmen, and was an appreciative listener. The *Republican-Gazette*, of Lima, spoke of Dr. Jones editorially as "one whose life has impressed itself indelibly upon the character of the community and indirectly upon the whole country. His life has been one worthy of emulation. The splendid demonstration was the legitimate and spontaneous outburst of gratitude from his friends and neighbors, in recognition of the beautiful life he has spent among them." The *Times-Democrat* was no less eulogistic, the *Columbus Grove Clipper* also giving a long and interesting account of the celebration, with words of just praise. Among the beautiful gifts brought by friends and relatives as tokens of the day, may be mentioned: A handsome silk umbrella, a gold cane, a leather chair, a gold shaving mug and brush, a handsome chair of unique design in leather and rattan, a 24-section book-case, a

clock, a filing case, a chair and a beautiful golden oak office desk of old English pattern. It was estimated that about 2,000 people participated in this celebration.

**H**ENRY CLIFTON FRANKLIN, the genial proprietor of the general store at Yoder, came to this village in 1900 and the following year was appointed postmaster by President William McKinley, and retained the office until it was discontinued in 1904. Mr. Franklin was born in Perry township, Allen County, Ohio, about five miles from Yoder, on November 28, 1867, and is a son of John Henry and Sarah A. (Schooler) Franklin, deceased. His grandfather, also named John Henry, was among the pioneers of Perry township, locating early in the '30's and remaining here until his death about 1874.


John Henry Franklin, Jr., was born in 1832, probably in Allen County, Ohio, where he lived all his life. He was a farmer by occupation and was still a young man when his death occurred in December, 1868. He married Sarah A. Schooler, by whom he had five children, three of whom are living, viz: Sarah Elizabeth, who married Jonathan McPherson, of Perry township; James I., who lives on the home farm in Perry township; and Henry Clifton. Mrs. Franklin was a native of Knox County, Ohio, and a daughter of George and Elizabeth (Fawcett) Schooler, who moved to Allen County where they spent the remainder of their days. Mrs. Franklin was married twice, her second husband being James Biddinger, of Auglaize township. The fruits of the second union were: William A.; Orlin and Ellen. Mrs. Biddinger died in December, 1894, at the age of 54 years.

Henry Clifton Franklin attended public school and remained on the home place until he was 20 years of age, when he entered the employ of the Ohio Oil Company and for 13 years worked in the Ohio oil field. In 1900 he located at Yoder and started in his present business. Mr. Franklin is a Democrat, as has been the family for years, and it was in recog-



nition of his merits that he received the appointment of postmaster from President McKinley.

Mr. Franklin was married in October, 1893, to Olive O. Jacobs, a native of Perry township and a daughter of James A. Jacobs, whose biography will be found elsewhere in this volume. Two bright children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Franklin, namely: Yula, born August 6, 1894; and Milo, born February 25, 1898.

OL. ISRAEL T. MOORE, president of The Commercial Bank, of Lima, a distinguished survivor of the great Civil War, and essentially a self-made man, was born February 9, 1831, in Butler County, Ohio, and is a son of Andrew P. and Elizabeth (McTaggart) Moore.

The father of our subject was born in New Jersey, came subsequently to Ohio and was a large farmer and stock raiser. In 1834 he removed to Allen County and there reared his family of nine children.

Israel T. was three years old when the family settled in Allen County and he grew to the age of 13 years on the farm, attending the local schools, and then the family moved to Franklin, Warren County. In 1846 Israel T. Moore returned to Allen County, and here learned the trade of cabinet-making; but, finding the field well occupied in this line, in the following year he went to Cincinnati in search of a better business opening. There he engaged as a clerk in a grocery store, finding a position just in time to save himself from want, as when he landed in that city from the canal-boat his capital consisted of just 25 cents. His salary of \$5 a month was not very generous, but it carried some perquisites with it and he very soon found his salary increased to \$7 per month.

In the meantime an uncle, who was a capitalist, had watched the young man with interest, when he found him thoroughly reliable and hard-working, he consented to loan him the sum of \$200, to enable him to go into business with Joseph Cunningham. The partnership

was formed, the grocery business was established and for two years it was successfully carried on. Then a fire came and they lost all they possessed. Although this was naturally a bitter experience, Mr. Moore did not lose heart but courageously and immediately went to work again as a clerk, commanding now \$28 a month, and held his position for two years, managing during this time to save the amount he had borrowed from his uncle, which he repaid with interest.

Mr. Moore continued in the grocery and produce business with his brother on Ninth street, Cincinnati, for some years, the firm being known as Moore Brothers. Two years later his brother William opened up a branch store at South Warsaw, while our subject continued the business in Cincinnati until 1855, when he sold out and joined his brother at South Warsaw. The business was continued here for a time and then they disposed of it and went into the stock business, later becoming interested extensively in real estate. Mr. Moore purchased a tract of 10 acres of land for his own use, later added 30 acres and still later 80 acres. While he had prospered in material ways, the young man felt the need of wider mental qualifications, and as he had accumulated enough capital to allow him to give up business for a while, he entered the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, where he remained two terms, during this time he secured the position of teacher in the lower grades, which enabled him to pay for his own tuition.

In 1861, when the country was convulsed in the throes of the great Civil War, he felt the loyal enthusiasm of the time and was not slow to enlist in his country's defense. He entered Company D, 54th Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf., as a private, on September 10, 1861, and wore the Union blue until the close of strife in 1865. His rise from the ranks was rapid, passing quickly through the lower grades to 1st lieutenant, then to captain, later to major and during the last two years before his honorable discharge he was lieutenant-colonel, most of the time having command above his rank. At one time he had command of the 90th Illinois in addition to his own regiment, and at another time his







command included, besides his own regiment, a troop of cavalry and two pieces of artillery. During his whole period he served under but two of the great commanders—Ulysses S. Grant and William T. Sherman. It is unnecessary to state that Colonel Moore took part in the hardest fought and most decisive battles of that great war. Without enumerating any of the skirmishes, he has 27 battles to his credit, his personal valor in these resulting in his promotion to the important rank of which he attained. He is a valued member of the Grand Army of the Republic, a body of men which will be respected as long as one hoary head is left. He helped to organize the society of the Army of the Tennessee at Raleigh, North Carolina. Patriotic Americans, while proud of the achievements of the younger generation, can never forget that to the "Boys of '61" we are indebted for the peace and prosperity of the present.

After the close of the war, Colonel Moore came to Lima, and for the two following years he was engaged by a business firm of the city as bookkeeper. In 1870 the three brothers—Israel T., William and Henry Moore—combined their capital and embarked in a dry goods business which they carried on through one year. They then disposed of their dry goods line and Israel T. and William engaged in the grocery business. The grocery business succeeded from the first, our subject being a practical man in that line and they enlarged until they had an extensive wholesale as well as retail business. This they successfully carried on for a period of 10 years, when they closed the retail department and for the next 10 years did only a wholesale business. In 1891 the death of William Moore brought changes, our subject buying his interest and the business was continued as a stock company for the next eleven years. No longer having need to accumulate, Colonel Moore then retired from the business and spent some time looking after his many investments and in recreations which his former busy life left him no time to enjoy.

In 1904, however, Colonel Moore once more entered the business field, this time as a banker, becoming the president of The Com-

mmercial Bank, of Lima. Of this institution his son Harry M. Moore is the cashier and Clem S. Baxter is assistant cashier. Mr. Moore's reputation and known conservative methods have resulted favorably for this financial institution, which enjoys a well-deserved prosperity.

Colonel Moore was united in marriage with Mary S. Metheany, who is a daughter of the late Robert Metheany, and they have had eight children, five of whom are now living and well established in life, one son, as noted above, being with his father in the bank. The family residence is located at No. 545 West Market street, Lima, one of the old, comfortable homes of this choice locality. Colonel Moore with his family attends the Presbyterian Church, of which he is a liberal supporter. He is prominently identified with the Republican party as far as influence goes, but he is not a politician in the common acceptance of the term. In fraternal life he has long been a member of the Odd Fellows.

Few citizens of Lima enjoy in greater degree the esteem of his fellow-citizens than does Colonel Moore. In him they recognize the able business man, the brave and loyal soldier and the good citizen, one whose life holds special interest for those who, left as he was, to fight almost alone in early youth, conquered through manliness and courage. He has always shown an interest in young men, and on more than one occasion his practical advice has been accompanied by financial assistance.

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**J**OHAN CRIDER, deceased, was one of the representative men of Spencer township, for many years, during which time he was closely identified with its material development. He was born in Knox County, Ohio, in 1843, and was a son of David Crider, a native of Virginia, who early settled in Knox County and was a pioneer in Spencer township, in 1851.

The late John Crider was reared in Spencer township from the age of eight years and attended school during his boyhood as opportunity presented. His father had entered a





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farm in section 23, Spencer township, and young Crider assisted him in converting it from a swamp and wilderness into the valuable property it subsequently became. After his marriage he settled in a log house on this property, and even at that time the only roads in the vicinity were very poor corduroy roads. It required years of hard work to clear away the forest growth to drain the land and to put it under cultivation. Later, when oil was discovered on the property, it was greatly enhanced in value. Now six oil-wells are operated where, in the young manhood of Mr. Crider, stood giant forest trees underneath which roamed deer in numbers and where wild turkeys nested.

In 1865 Mr. Crider was married in Allen County to Mahala Osborn, who was born in Greene County, Ohio, in 1847, and is a daughter of Lewis and Sarah (Farris) Osborn. One of her grandfathers was William Lee, who was drowned while attending to his duties as lock-tender on the Miami and Erie Canal. For his second wife he married Mrs. Elizabeth E. (Sampson) Farris and the survivor of their family is one son—David Lee. Mrs. Crider was four years old when her parents moved to Allen County and settled in Amanda township. She was the only child of her parents and from the age of two years was reared by her grandfather. He was a native of Kentucky and settled on land where the city of Cincinnati now stands, at a time when only five houses had been built in the embryo city. He raised broom-corn on the very site of some of Cincinnati's tallest buildings. He was also one of the earliest settlers in Amanda township, Allen County, coming to Spencerville when it was yet called "Arcadia" and was a village of 75 people.

Mrs. Crider has passed through many pioneer hardships and can recall a great many interesting events connected with her early life both before and after her marriage. She became accomplished in all the housewifely arts and frugal ways necessary at the time and, with a just amount of pride, says that she could yet spin and weave if necessity required. Since the death of her husband, on February 11, 1887,

she has resided on the farm, which is under lease. It has been greatly improved and is one of the township's fine properties.

Mr. and Mrs. Crider had three children: Ida Elizabeth, who died aged eight years; Clarence Clyde and John Edward. Both of the sons are interested in the oil business. Mrs. Crider was one of the first members of the Union Christian Church, and her membership has never changed. She has in her possession the original deed to her home farm which was given David Crider in 1851.



ALATHIEL A. HITCHCOCK, M. D., whose portrait is shown on the opposite page, is a representative member of his noble profession. He is located at Elida, in German township, where he has been in active practice for over a quarter of a century. Dr. Hitchcock was born July 9, 1843, at Junction City, Perry County, Ohio.

Dr. Hitchcock was reared in Perry County and was prepared in the local school for his collegiate course at Lexington, Ohio. Upon completing that he entered upon the reading of medicine at Junction City and then entered the Cincinnati College of Medicine, where he was graduated in the spring of 1870. On August 1st of that year he entered into practice at Junction City, where he gained his early experience, coming to Elida on February 5, 1879. He may be classed with the pioneers of the profession in this locality and still continues active in it. In August, 1898, he was appointed United States pension examiner.

Dr. Hitchcock was married first on December 31, 1863, to Ellen Beck, who was a daughter of George Beck, of Junction City, Ohio. Mrs. Hitchcock died there in December, 1877, the mother of five children, viz: Charles W., Frank A., George, Luella and Maine, all surviving with the exception of George, who died in March, 1877. All the others are married. The eldest son, Charles W. Hitchcock, is a prominent lawyer in practice at Bay City, Michigan. He is a graduate of the Valparaiso Col-



lege, Indiana. After serving six years as county commissioner of schools of Bay County, Michigan, he was the candidate selected by the Democratic party for probate judge.

Dr. Hitchcock was married, second, on May 29, 1879, to Eliza J. Hummell, who is a daughter of Isaac Hummell, of Carroll, Fairfield County, Ohio. They have three sons—Clay, Roy and Don. The Doctor and wife belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church at Elida. He is a member of the local subordinate lodge of Odd Fellows and the encampment at Lima.

**T**HOMAS C. LONG, of German township represents a type of manhood that is the pride of our American civilization—the self-made man who has worked his way, unaided, to an honorable and prominent place among his fellows. Born in Sugar Creek township, Allen County, Ohio, in 1855, he was one year old when his parents moved to Amanda township, and was not yet nine years of age when death deprived him of their love and care. He was bound out to Samuel Miller, on whose farm he worked for about nine years, when he hired out to William Anderson for one month for the sum of \$18. Drawing his pay for this work, he went to Lima and purchased two suits of clothes, one for Sunday and one for everyday, and then returned to German township and attended school in District No. 11 for the four winter months. When farm work opened up in the spring, he hired out at \$18 per month to William Holmes and, during the seven months thus engaged, hoarded his earnings so carefully that he spent but \$2, receiving Mr. Holmes' note for the balance. Again he took up his educational work, entering school in Shawnee township and attending through the winter and spring months. The following summer he took up painting and was able by close economy to clear \$200 by his season's work. Again he started in school for the winter, spending all his spare time out of school in working for his board. When summer came again, he took contracts for painting and followed that work for two years.

In March, 1876, Mr. Long was married to Mary Benedum and a family of five children have been born to them, namely: Wardilla May; William Thomas, who is employed in the Indiana oil field; John Benedum; Harvey and Amos. Mrs. Long died December 10, 1905, aged 49 years. After his marriage, Mr. Long again turned to farming, having, in 1875, purchased 36 acres of land and in 1877 opened a stone quarry, to furnish stone for the building of pikes and bridges. He did well at this work and has been engaged in it ever since. Later he contracted for building pike roads, and most of the roads in German township have been constructed by him, as well as many others in the county outside this township. In 1892 he went to Van Wert County where he put down 48 miles of pike in Ridge township, the work taking him four years. During the past seven years he has done considerable repaving and about five years ago he began making cement walks, barn foundations, etc., and has been very successful. He has purchased outright 125 acres of land and has a life lease on 90 more, where he keeps many head of cattle and horses. For some time he has been engaged in buying and selling stock, his ventures in this line proving very profitable. Mr. Long is a member of the Odd Fellows and of the Eagles and is a zealous worker in the Methodist Church.

**G**EORGE L. ALTSTAETTER, proprietor of the "Pleasant Fruit Farm," a fertile tract of 80 acres, situated in section 17, Monroe township, was born in this township, February 5, 1846, and is a son of Jacob and Catherine (Bucher) Altstaetter.

Jacob Altstaetter was born in Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany, February 21, 1811. Prior to coming to America he worked as a carpenter, and during one year spent in Maryland he continued to follow his trade. He desired a different field of work, however, and thinking that Ohio would probably afford it he walked to Cincinnati; soon after he removed to Dayton, and while working at his trade there met the estimable lady whom he soon after married.







At that time he was 25 years of age and almost immediately after, in the fall of 1836, he came to Allen County, and in the following spring settled on 40 acres of land, paying out all his capital, \$50, for it. He built a log house and shop on the farm and, as the seasons permitted, alternated between work at his trade and clearing up his land. He was deft at furniture making and frequently the midnight hour would find him still at work fashioning chairs, beds and tables for his neighbors, for which they paid him in labor. A man of his industry could hardly escape accumulating capital, and he continued to invest in land until he finally owned 600 acres, which through his own efforts he almost entirely cleared. He was a hard worker all his life and expected others to be industrious also. In appearance Jacob Altstaetter was a well-set-up man, five feet in height, with a pleasant, intelligent countenance and shrewd, kindly eyes. He lived to be almost 88 years of age, dying on the farm on which he had settled, November 10, 1898. He was a staunch supporter of the Democratic party, casting his first presidential vote in 1836. He was a worthy member of the German Evangelical Church, very active in its work, and during the greater part of his life was one of the trustees. He was one of the first and prime movers in the project of building the first church of his denomination in the locality, giving first the ground and then the timber, and subsequently presenting the church organ. He was always liberal in church contributions and his advice and counsel always supported the efforts of the ministers. He was a good man and a perfect type of the thrifty, industrious, provident, home-building German.

On October 26, 1816, the mother of our subject was born in Montgomery County, Ohio, not far from Salem; she died in Monroe township, December 28, 1903. She was married on her 19th birthday and accompanied her husband to Allen County in the following spring, living a happy, contented, peaceful and useful life for 63 years thereafter. Her parents were John and Elizabeth (Miller) Bucher, residents of Ohio, the former a native of Switzerland and the latter, of Virginia. They became residents of Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Altstaetter had 13

children, 12 of whom reached maturity and seven of these still survive.

Our subject, George L. Altstaetter, has resided in his present school district all his life, and has carried on agricultural work ever since he became old enough to hold a plow, the only kind of farm labor his late father never did. He remained at home assisting until his marriage, when he was 26 years old. His father was always just and generous with his children, and at this time he gave him an equity of \$1,500 in a farm of 80 acres which he chose from other tracts. Our subject subsequently paid the remainder due to the estate, and settled on the farm in section 17, which he has occupied ever since. Along with other agricultural operations, including extensive farming and the raising of considerable stock. Mr. Altstaetter has paid a great deal of attention to the growing of fruit. In addition to small fruits, he has an apple orchard of four acres. The fruit-growing is such a feature that the name, "Pleasant Fruit Farm," is very appropriate.

In addition to improving his land and adding yearly to its value. Mr. Altstaetter has erected good buildings and a handsome residence, so that the appearance of the place is very attractive. He has one of the finest homes in the township.

On November 9, 1871, he was married to Margaret Olt, who was born in Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany, on February 24, 1849. Her parents, Adam and Eva (Orth) Olt, are both deceased, the father dying at the age of 36 years and the mother when 30 years of age. This is remarkable as all four of Mrs. Altstaetter's grandparents lived to old age, three dying at the age of 80 years and one at the age of 92. An orphan at the age of 18 years, she came alone from Germany, found plenty of friends in Dayton, Ohio, and, as noted above, four years later was married to our subject. To this union six sons and six daughters have been born, namely: John, who died in his sixth year; Barbara, who is the wife of Fred Haas, of Dayton; Louise, who is the wife of Samuel Bower, of Napoleon, Ohio; Otto, who died aged four years; Adam, who died aged one year; Anna, who resides at home; and Michael,



who is a student in the senior class in Lima College, and is a very bright young man, who can show a 90 per cent average in all his studies; Emma, who died aged four and a half years; Albert, who died aged five years; and Elsie, Oscar and Freda, living at home.

Mr. Altstaetter has been identified with the Democratic party all his life, and has been his party's choice for many of the important local offices. He has served several terms as road superintendent, has been a school director many terms and is now serving his third term as township trustee, having served two terms some 30 years ago. Like his father he has been a consistent member and liberal supporter of the German Evangelical Church of Monroe township for years and is one of the present trustees, a position he has held many times.

**J.** EWING, who is prominent in the business circles of Lima, where he conducts a large hardware business, was born in Trumbull County, Ohio, May 11, 1850, and is a son of the late Ralph Ewing, of Lima.

In early life Ralph Ewing was a farmer, but later he moved to Columbus Grove and there became a well-known business man and representative citizen. He was engaged in the hardware business here for a number of years with his son, our subject, under the firm name of R. Ewing & Son. He died in 1897.

Our subject was an infant when his parents moved to Hancock County, Ohio, where they resided until he was 11 years old, and then they removed to Huron County, Michigan, where they remained for three years. The next removal was to Bluffton, Allen County, and later to Columbus Grove, where the father was in the hardware business with our subject for 14 years. Then the son bought the father's interest, continuing the business for three years alone.

Mr. Ewing then sold his stock at Columbus Grove and came to Lima, where he entered into partnership with W. K. Boone, and for three years a very successful hardware business was conducted under the firm name of The W.

K. Boone Company. Mr. Ewing then sold his interest, and in partnership with a Mr. Emerick bought the stock of J. M. Dungan, who was located at Nos. 225-227 North Main street. The firm of Ewing & Emerick continued four years, when the senior partner bought the junior's interest and since then he has conducted his business under his own name. With his years of practical experience in this line, Mr. Ewing is well fitted to be the leading hardware merchant of the city, and in his extensive establishment can be found everything pertaining to his line.

Mr. Ewing was married in 1872 to Jennie Bayley, who is a daughter of the late Nathaniel H. Bayley, of Putnam County, Ohio. They have two children, viz: Madge and Porter J. The former is a graduate of Mrs. Richard's private seminary in Philadelphia, and the latter is a student at the University of Michigan, and a former student at Colonel Brown's military institute at Germantown, Ohio.

Mr. Ewing, during his long residence in Lima, has championed all movements designed to promote the general welfare and has always lent his influence in the direction of the advancement of social, moral and educational interests. He has not aspired to political honors, his preference being for a quiet life devoted to his private affairs.

**R.**OBERT WATT, one of Jackson township's prominent farmers, has resided for the past 53 years on his present farm in section 20, which now consists of 225 acres. He belongs to one of the old pioneer families of Allen County. He was born in Champaign County, Ohio, November 16, 1827, and is a son of Samuel L. and Olive (Walton) Watt.

Samuel L. Watt was born near Marysville, Kentucky, and accompanied his parents to Champaign County, the family consisting of four sons and three daughters. His father, Thomas Watt, who was born in Ireland, emigrated to America, settled first in Pennsylvania, went from there to Kentucky and later to Champaign County, Ohio, where he died aged







80 years. He was a farmer and wood-worker, an expert manufacturer of wagons and ploughs. His children were: Robert, John, James, William, Samuel, Joseph, Margaret, Polly and Betsey. William was the first judge in Allen County. Joseph died in the War of 1812. All the Watt Brothers entered land in Allen County and all settled along Hog Creek. Samuel L. Watt owned several different tracts of land, and at one time a farm of 120 acres.

Samuel L. Watt married Olive Walton who was born in Quebec, Canada. She came to Union County, Ohio, with her parents who were Joseph and Deborah (Gilbert) Walton, natives of Canada. For his second wife Mr. Watt married Mary Greer. The children of the first marriage who reached maturity were: Deborah (Jamison), who died in Iowa; Robert, of this sketch; Joseph, deceased in young manhood; James, deceased; Thomas, of Michigan; Harriet, widow of John Guthrie, of Nevada; Christina (Leech), who died at Walla Walla, Washington; and Nancy (Enos), of Oakland, California. The children of the second marriage were: John J., of Louisiana; Samuel L., of Sac County, Iowa; Olive (Conley), of Iowa; Lydia (Stouker), of Iowa; Sidney, of Iowa; and Sarah Frances, of Missouri.

In 1852 Mr. Watt moved to Sac County, Iowa, driving through with an ox team. Two months were spent on the journey and when he reached there he located near Sac City, the county seat. He laid out Jackson township there and named it after his old home township in Allen County. He became the first county judge of Sac County, where he died.

Robert Watt, our immediate subject, remained at home until he was 20 years old and then went on a rented farm for a year before buying 40 acres of timber land in section 20, Jackson township. Little by little he kept on buying land and clearing it until he owned some 500 acres. Of this he retains 225, having divided the rest among his children. For 40 years he lived in the first little frame dwelling which he built with timber taken from his place, but it finally gave way to the handsome, modern brick residence in which he has lived ever since. Mr. Watt can look back over years

of honest industry. He cleared 100 acres of land by himself and he has assisted his children to build comfortable homes on land which he has helped them to acquire. He has done a great deal of teaming and has had contracts for public work. He and his sons have done the greater part of the pipe laying in their section of the county. As a farmer, he has devoted the most of his attention to the raising of grain and the breeding of draft horses.

In his 20th year Mr. Watt was married to Eva Staley, who was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, May 13, 1825, and came here with her parents when seven years of age. She is a daughter of Jacob and Eunice (Fisher) Staley, natives of Virginia. They have five children living, as follows: Samuel J., of Jackson township; James R., of Jackson township; Marion; and William Henry and Jacob Allen, of Jackson township. Two sons and one daughter died young.

Mr. Watt has been a life-long Democrat. He has been offered many of the local offices, but has accepted only that of township trustee. He is one of the reliable, substantial and representative men of his township.

**H.** M. MORRISON, who has been engaged in the drug business at Lima for the past 14 years, was born August 11, 1859, in Darke County, Ohio, and is a son of James M. Morrison, a retired citizen of Dayton. He was educated and grew to manhood in Darke County and then went to Dayton, where he secured work in a boiler-shop. One year later he went to Omaha, Nebraska, and there engaged in the transfer and storage business for a period of four years. Since his return to Ohio in 1891, he has been a partner of D. Cramer in conducting a pharmacy at Lima, being pleasantly located at the corner of Kibby and Main streets, where they enjoy a large patronage.

Mr. Morrison was married December 15, 1887, to Emma Ridenour, daughter of Jacob Ridenour, a lady of many estimable qualities. They have two daughters—Hazel and Helen.



Mr. Morrison is a member of Grace Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he is trustee, and also holds the same office in the Second Street Methodist Episcopal Church. He is an active worker in the church and has frequently been a delegate at conference meetings. He is a Republican and is at present a member of the Board of Public Service of Lima, and has been a member of the City Council and Board of Health.

**L**UCIUS JOHN RUSSELL SIDDALL, long the leading man in the leading industry of Bluffton, Ohio, the pioneer quarryman not only of Bluffton but of all Northwestern Ohio, was born in Mahoning County, Ohio, eight miles south of Salem, on the old mill property of the family, not far from the village of Ellsworth, July 29, 1838. His parents were Isaac and Rebecca (Altaffer) Siddall.

The father of Mr. Siddall was born in Virginia and the mother belonged to a well-known Pennsylvania-Dutch family. She died when our subject was nine years old. The ancestors on the paternal side were from Ireland, and Isaac Siddall possessed many of the qualities which have made natives of that land successful men the world over. He was the father of 16 children by his first marriage and of two by his second; 14 of these grew to maturity. For years he was engaged in the milling business, and never ceased his industry until stricken with paralysis. He died in 1872.

Lucius J. R. Siddall was 10 years old when his parents moved to Rockport, Ohio. A few years later he accompanied his father when the latter went to Mount Blanchard to run the Fahls' mills, and two years later to the National mills, four miles up the river. Our subject worked there some four years, all the time with his father, and in 1852 came to Bluffton, where his father bought a log grist-mill, run by water power, together with 17 acres of adjoining land. He worked hard under his practical, industrious father, and when the latter was disabled by paralysis, in 1867, he ran the mill by himself for two and a half years. When his father died, he bought the mill at the apprais-

er's valuation, \$2,250. Subsequently he sold the mill and turned his attention to the stone and lime business.

In 1872 Mr. Siddall, in partnership with Elijah Reese, under the firm name of Siddall & Reese, bought and developed a quarry and later took in another partner and formed the firm of Siddall & Company. Some years later Mr. Siddall bought out the other partners and operated the business alone, and still later opened up another quarry which covered seven acres. He took I. M. Townsend into partnership and the business was conducted as Siddall & Townsend for 18 years, when John Amstutz bought Mr. Townsend's interest and continued with Mr. Siddall for one season. Our subject then continued the operation of the quarry alone, adding a larger body of quarrying land, until the spring of 1905, when he sold out to the Buckeye Stone Company.

Since disposing of his quarry business, Mr. Siddall has been interested in a concrete business, having a large plant, with excellent facilities, producing a concrete which is used for cellars and other purposes, and making a fine macadam for roads. During his active operations he gave employment to some 50 men. Another line in which he has been interested is the manufacture of the "Eureka" fence post, one of the most durable posts ever placed before the market. For 50 years he has been a leader in business circles at Bluffton, and has been identified very prominently with the growth and prosperity of the town. He still owns 17 acres of land that is now within the town limits.

In 1865 Mr. Siddall was married to Mary Elizabeth Katherine Bridgeman, who was born in Hancock County, Ohio, about four miles from Bluffton, January 26, 1841, and is a daughter of George and Eliza (Grimm) Bridgeman, natives of Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Siddall occupy a fine brick residence at Bluffton, which Mr. Siddall built seven years after his marriage.

Politically he has been a life-long Democrat, and on many occasions his fellow-citizens have chosen to show him honor and confidence. For six years he served on the Town Council and served several terms as a member of the









HON. AZARIAH D. MILLER



Board of Education. Fraternally he is an Odd Fellow, belonging to Bluffton Lodge, No. 371, and to Bluffton Encampment, No. 238. He is one of the oldest members of the subordinate lodge here, having joined the order in 1864.

A half century is a long period in any man's life, and to have passed through it, meeting competition on every side and overcoming obstacles as every business man must, and still, near its close, be able still to command the respect and esteem of one's fellow-citizens, reflects much credit and should bring pleasant reflections.

**F**ON. AZARIAH D. MILLER, one of Allen County's prominent public men, probate judge, educator and successful attorney-at-law, was born June 18, 1853, on the homestead farm in Amanda township, and is a son of Joseph and Minerva J. (Shock) Miller.

Azariah D. Miller was liberally educated, completing first the common-school course, and later taking advantage of the educational institutions of Lima and the National Normal School at Lebanon, Warren County, Ohio. From the age of 16 until he was 34 years of age, he taught school more or less continuously, the greater portion of this period in his native township, and it is safe to say that few men have more personal friends in this locality.

During 1871 and 1872 he was employed as bookkeeper in the freight and express office of the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne & Chicago Railway at Elida, Ohio, and as this did not require all of his time he served also as clerk in the mercantile establishments of Rice & Leist and G. W. Moore. During all this time he was quietly reading law, as opportunity afforded. In 1877 he was elected assessor of Amanda township, on the Democratic ticket, and in the following year was chosen justice of the peace—an office he satisfactorily held for the following five years. In 1885, having been admitted to the bar, he became a member of the law firm of Remington & Miller and began the practice of the profession in which he has met with deserved success. Fire destroying his law library in 1887, he relinquished his practice and

retired to his farm. After engaging in farming pursuits and the contracting business until February 9, 1894, he was called from his seclusion to accept the duties of clerk of the Probate Court. He was elected to his present position in 1899.

In 1876 Judge Miller was married to Darthula Place, who is a daughter of James and Susan Place, and they have these children: Lehr E., Fredia G., Susan A., James J. and Mabel. The family belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Judge Miller has always been prominent in Democratic politics, has been a member of the Democratic County Central Committee, and was sent as a delegate to the St. Louis National convention from the Fourth Congressional District. He is fraternally connected with the Elks, in which order he has held many positions; is a charter member of the Spencerville Lodge of Knights of Pythias and of the Modern Woodmen of America and the Home Guards of America. His residence at Lima is at No. 937 West High street. A portrait of Judge Miller is presented on a foregoing page in connection with this sketch.

**S**ALEM REED, one of Shawnee township's leading citizens and substantial farmers, is also a survivor of the Civil War. He owns a well-improved farm of 80 acres, located in section 14, Shawnee township, which was formerly a part of the old Napier homestead. Mr. Reed was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, May 2, 1842, and is a son of Samuel and Mary M. (Aker) Reed.

Samuel Reed, the father of our subject, was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, and was a son of Noah Reed, a native of Licking County, Ohio. He died on his farm in Shawnee township in August, 1894, aged 79 years. He married Mary M. Aker, who was born July 30, 1814, and died in March 1905, at the age of 91 years. Their children were: Clara, Silas, Salem, Isaac, John W., Freeman, Nelson, Almeda, Emma and Laura.

Salem Reed accompanied his parents to





Shawnee township in 1853. He attended school until he was about 18 years old, and remained practically on the home farm until he had attained his majority, working for neighboring farmers as well as his father. On February 1, 1864, he enlisted for service in the Civil War, joining Company H, 74th Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf., in which he served until the close of hostilities. He participated in many battles, the first one of importance being that at Resaca. His regiment was often employed in guarding railroads, accompanying Sherman to the sea and participating in all that wearying campaign which resulted in such great victories for the Union cause. It remained in North Carolina until after the surrender of Johnston.

After the war he returned home, where he lived until his marriage, when he bought a tract of land in Shawnee township, near the family homestead and partially cleared it; but in a few years settled on another farm he had purchased, on which he resided for nine years. For the past 22 years Mr. Reed has been living on his present place, where he has carried on general farming and stock-raising.

In 1866 Mr. Reed was married to Elizabeth Adelia Napier, who was born in Mercer County, Pennsylvania, June 28, 1841, and is a daughter of those honored old pioneer settlers of the township, the late William and Sarah (Huff) Napier. Her father was one of the leading men of the township during a long and exemplary life. He died in March, 1900, and is survived by his venerable wife who still resides on the old homestead in section 14, Shawnee township. Mr. and Mrs. Reed have had eight children, namely: Ida, who married William Hover and has two children, Palleene and Alleene; Samuel W., who married Florence Wilson and resides in Cleveland; Lulu, who married Frank H. Place and has seven children—Frank, Belva, Lee Everett, Ralph, Eudora Lu, Olive, and an unnamed infant; Smith Hamlin, who married Lulu Klippinger and has one daughter—Evelyn, the family residing at Toledo; Florence LaVerne, who married Clyde Coleman and resides at Toledo; Walter Cledith, a resident of Cleveland; Maud Sylvania, who married Clarence McDaniel, the couple living at home; and an infant, deceased.

Politically Mr. Reed is identified with the Republican party, but is not always bound by party ties, voting occasionally according to his personal judgment of candidates. Formerly he was active in Mart Armstrong Post, No. 202, G. A. R., at Lima; but, like his brother Silas, finds the distance too great to make attendance easy. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and a liberal contributor to its support.



**D.** HILDRETH, the enterprising general superintendent at Lima of the Prudential Insurance Company of America, is a prominent and highly esteemed citizen of this city, who may always be depended upon to lend his influence and substantial support to any enterprise which has for its object the welfare of the place. He is a son of David Hildreth, who has devoted his life to agricultural pursuits in Union County, Ohio, where he is still living in the 84th year of his age. Born and reared in Union County, our subject received there the rudiments of his education, supplementing it with four years in the college at Delaware.

In January, 1896, soon after leaving college, Mr. Hildreth located in Columbus, Ohio, where he at once became an agent for the Prudential Insurance Company. In a short time his ability received recognition and reward by his promotion to the office of assistant superintendent of the company, with headquarters at Columbus. Three years later he was placed in charge of the general offices at Lima, with supervision over a territory consisting of 11 counties. These offices were established in Lima in 1893, and were in charge of E. Newman until September 25, 1899, when Mr. Hildreth was made general superintendent. He has branch offices at St. Marys, Findlay, Van Wert, Defiance and Bowling Green, requiring eight assistant superintendents and 40 agents to handle the large volume of business which passes through their hands. The Prudential does an extensive business, both in industrial and ordinary insurance, and is one of the strongest companies in the field.

Mr. Hildreth was married, in 1890, to Min-



nie Baker, a daughter of Lyman G. Baker, a retired farmer of Marysville, Ohio. They have one child, Harold A. Mr. Hildreth is a stockholder in the Columbus Savings & Trust Company, and also has other interests in that city. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias, and an earnest Christian who takes a leading part in the work of the Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church and Sunday-school. He is also deeply interested in the progress of the Y. M. C. A., being vice-president of the Y. M. C. A. parliament, a member of the board of directors of that institution and chairman of the membership committee.

**W**ILLIAM A. BOWERS, a substantial resident of section 31, German township, was born in the neighboring township of Amanda, on January 14, 1862. His parents, William and Rebecca (Barnt) Bowers, were well-known in Allen County, both of them having come here with their parents when they were children of eight years. The father was from Fayette County and was a son of Solomon Bowers. The mother came from Fairfield County. The family consisted of two sons and nine daughters, namely: Charles Wesley, a farmer residing in Amanda township; William A.; Hannah Jane, who married Nathaniel Stoup and is the mother of two children; Sarah Elizabeth, who married David Hillyard and died leaving seven children; Deborah Ann, who married Levi Crites, of Kempton, and is the mother of two children; Mary Catherine, who married Franklin P. Shobe, of Amanda township and has six children; Rebecca Angeline, wife of John Swartz, of Amanda township and the mother of two children; Martha, who died in infancy; Curlila, who married Abia Carr, of Amanda township and has eight children; Eliza who died at the age of five years; and Emma Sabina who married James Stalter of Muncie, Indiana, and has four children.

William A. Bowers was reared and educated in his native township, where he engaged in farming for several years. He owned 104 acres of land situated in section 31, German township, and section 36, Amanda township,

He lived on his farm until 1901, when he moved to Lima and purchased the Botkins livery stable, which he conducted in partnership with Jacob Shobe. Later he sold his interest in the business to his partner and purchased the Fisher livery barn, which he ran for about 18 months. This was then sold and Mr. Bowers moved back to the farm. He purchased a farm in Wyandot County, which he traded for the Lima truck line, moving to Lima to take charge of the business. After operating it for 75 days he sold it to John Harley, and again returned to his farm in the spring of 1905. The following October he purchased the Shobe farm, which contains 65 acres, thus giving him 90 acres in one tract.

Mr. Bowers was married October 4, 1883, to Nona B. Highland, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Berry) (McDonald) Highland, of Allentown. Joseph Highland was born March 7, 1837, and died December 26, 1891. His wife was a daughter of David and Elizabeth (McIntyre) Berry, who came from Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, to Ohio, stopping a short time in Clark County and then locating in Allen County, when Mrs. Highland was about eight years of age. Mrs. Highland was born November 27, 1832, and was twice married, her first husband being William Wesley McDonald, who died in 1855 leaving two children; Mrs. Sarah Kennedy, of Lima and Gilbert McDonald. Mrs. Bowers has one sister, Ida Herring, and a brother, Marion, who died at the age of five years. Mr. Bowers has three children, Verne Lester, born August 16, 1887, who is a student at Elida; Myrtle Leona, born April 21, 1894; and Zelma Irene, born September 28, 1897. Mr. Bowers is a trustee of the Christian Church in Amanda township, of which he is a member.

**F.** STOLZENBACH, president of the Stolzenbach Baking Company, and of the Allen County Building & Loan Association, is a prominent figure among the business men of Lima. Mr. Stolzenbach was born at Roseville, Muskingum County, Ohio, where he was reared and educated.







After completing his schooling, Mr. Stolzenbach entered his uncle's bakery at Zanesville, Ohio, with whom he remained for six years, in this time becoming a skilled baker. His uncle, Conrad Stolzenbach, is still in the business and is associated with the National Biscuit Company. From Zanesville our subject went to Pittsburg, Detroit and Columbus, working in all these cities and learning every chemical secret of the trade as well as perfecting himself in the manufacture of every kind of bakery product.

Mr. Stolzenbach then located at Newcomerstown, where he opened up a first-class bakery; but he soon found that the place was too small for the goods he was able to put upon the market and he remained there only until 1889, when he bought the Diamond bakery at Lima, entering into partnership with a Mr. Benton under the firm name of Stolzenbach & Benton. After conducting the business for six months under that style, Mr. Stolzenbach bought the Benton interest and admitted his father to partnership. The new firm became Stolzenbach & Company which continued thus until 1904, when the business was incorporated as the Stolzenbach Baking Company, with a capital stock of \$30,000, fully paid up. The officers of the company are: C. F. Stolzenbach, president; J. H. Stolzenbach, vice-president; and Martin Stolzenbach, secretary and treasurer. The plant turns out weekly some 35,000 loaves, their specialties being "Butternut" and "Mother's" bread, both these brands being in large demand. The plant is equipped with every modern and sanitary appliance, its capacity being 10,000 loaves daily.

In 1892 Mr. Stolzenbach was married to Magdalen Hickey, who is a daughter of Henry Hickey, of Putnam County, and they have six children: Edward, Mary Louise, Magdalen, Charles Henry, Robert W., and an infant daughter. The family belong to the Lutheran Church and Mr. Stolzenbach has been a deacon of St. Paul's congregation for the past nine years.

Mr. Stolzenbach is a prominent member of the National Bakery Association of the United States. He attended the annual meeting of this body at the Arlington Hotel, Washington

City, on September 11, 1905, joining the Chicago contingent on a special car. He is one of Lima's capitalists, a stockholder and director in The Lima Telephone & Telegraph Company and is treasurer of the National Roofing Tile Company. For a number of years, under both Republican and Democratic administrations, he has been a member of the city Board of Health. He is always prominent in all public-spirited movements, gives largely to charity, and fulfills every duty incumbent upon a conscientious, broad-minded man and citizen.

**A**ARON FISHER, one of the leading citizens of Delphos, and a member of one of the pioneer families of this county, was born January 1, 1847, near La Fayette, Allen County, and is a son of Jacob and Catherine (Long) Fisher.

The Fisher family originated in Germany, and the descendants have widely scattered, having been always distinguished as solid citizens, good home-builders, and industrious, intelligent and thrifty members of the communities in which they have lived. The father of our subject was born in Pennsylvania and accompanied his parents to Perry County, Ohio, where he was reared and learned the blacksmith's trade. In 1835 he settled in Allen County, locating on a tract of 80 acres of wild land which was situated in section 25, Jackson township, a mile and a quarter from LaFayette. As illustrative of those primitive days, Mr. Fisher recalls the stories told by his father of how he lived comfortably, for a time, under the shelter of an old oak tree, while the building of the log cabin took place. With an abundance of game of all kinds, including flocks of wild turkeys, the question of subsistence was merely a nominal one. The clearing of the farm followed, the old log house gave way to a modern, convenient frame residence, where, surrounded by an affectionate, obedient family, the father's life closed at the age of 70 years.

It is interesting to recall those days of early settlement in Jackson township. Considered in the light of the present, there seems to have been many drawbacks to content and comfort,



but in those days they were taken as matters of fact and were looked upon with an indifference begotten of familiarity. The cultivation of the land was carried on entirely with the sickle, rake, old-fashioned horse plow and harrow, and the grain was threshed out on the barn floor with flails. Clothing was almost entirely of home manufacture, that for summer wear being made from the flax grown on the farm and that for winter from the wool sheared from the flocks of sheep which formerly were raised in great numbers. The wool was taken to Delphos and St. Marys to be carded. In a reminiscent mood, our subject can recall how, as a little lad, he had to make a trip to mill, and was so small that he had to be strapped to the horse's back with the bag of grain, in order that both should not come to grief on the way. He recalls that on a later occasion he took the grain to mill on a vehicle made of a wagon tongue and two wheels. This journey sometimes consumed several days, as each customer at the mill had to wait his turn, and the old-time construction of the grist-mills was such that expedition was impossible.

Mr. Fisher vividly recalls the boyish delights hovering around the cooking of the corn pone before the open fire-place in the old log cabin kitchen, with its pots and kettles in close proximity, and remembers the toothsome viands prepared in the old Dutch oven. In those days hospitality was an accepted virtue, and in no home was it more honored than in that of Jacob Fisher. His pioneer cabin was a traveler's inn, and on its threshold the weary stranger found the willing hand of brotherly friendship extended. Especially welcome was the coming of the pioneer preacher, who brought with him news, not otherwise obtainable, of other sections of the State, and Mr. Fisher can remember when he and his brothers climbed on the fence to eagerly watch for his coming.

Especially welcome on account of the many engaging qualities which he possessed, with his tried and true Christian zeal, was a Mr. Doner, who made the home of Jacob Fisher his headquarters when in Jackson township. The latter was the real founder of the Lutheran Church in his district, and assisted in the construction of the log edifice which was also used

as the first schoolhouse. Jacob Fisher was one of the men who should never be forgotten in Jackson township. Of his nine children all reached maturity except one. He gave three sons to the service of his country during the Civil War—Joseph, Benjamin and Noah—the last mentioned of whom never returned to his home, but fills a soldier's grave at Memphis, Tennessee. The three surviving daughters are: Susanna, who is the widow of Simon Foster, of Middlepoint, Van Wert, County; Nancy (Hallman), a widow, who resides near La Fayette; and Mary Ann (Ernsberger), now of Decatur, Indiana, where she has resided for the past year, but formerly for 35 years a resident of Delphos.

Aaron Fisher was the youngest child in the above family. He attended school in the nearby log schoolhouse, and learned to write with a quill pen and with ink made from bark and the berries of the poke weed. The advantages afforded for an extended education were somewhat meagre, but a taste for learning was inspired and, for all practical purposes, a sufficient familiarity with reading, writing and arithmetic was acquired by the pupils. At the age of 21 he married and moved to LaFayette, where he hired out as a carpenter and during the first year his wife taught the village school. For the next eight years he worked as a thrasher, and also operated a rented farm. In the spring of 1870 he removed to Delphos.

After settling at Delphos, Mr. Fisher carried on a teaming business for a number of years. He began with a very small capital, but, through good management and industry, soon increased it, bought a livery stable, later ran an omnibus line, and started the first street sprinkler in Delphos. Subsequently he sold the site of his stable to the city, and the present Town Hall now occupies it. Later, through trading, he acquired a farm on which was an excellent stone quarry. This he operated for some years, and then purchased a tract of land inside the corporate limits of Delphos, which he afterward sold to his son and son-in-law, and which is still known as the Fisher stone quarry. In addition to his teaming and livery enterprise, he embarked in an ice business and all these lines are continued by his son. His







own interests, however, are still important. He purchased the business block on the corner of Main and Second streets, first the south one-half and later the north, and this is known as the Fisher Block. He also owns and conducts a cigar and tobacco store on the block fronting on the banks of the canal. He is a director of the Delphos Foundry Company and has a considerable interests.

The death of Mr. Fisher's first wife occurred in December, 1899. She was a lady much admired and beloved, a popular teacher and an active church worker. Of the four children, two sons survive, viz: Arthur, his father's business successor, who lives in Van Wert County; and Orville D., of Lima. An adopted daughter, Nellie M. Fisher, resides with our subject. Mr. Fisher's present wife, formerly Mrs. Margaret Ward, had two children by her first marriage: May, who is a teacher, and Dana, who is in business with Mr. Fisher.

Throughout his life Mr. Fisher has been actively identified with the Democratic party, and in 1894 was elected sheriff of Allen County, giving four years of active effort to the honest enforcement of the law. The record of this period is one of loyal faithful service to his fellow-citizens. At the close of his term he visited the West, mainly in the hope of restoring his wife to health, but these efforts proved unavailing. After his return, he built a fine livery barn on West Spring street, Lima, which is 50 by 200 feet in dimensions—one of the largest establishments of its kind in the city.

Mr. Fisher is serving his second term on the City Council at Delphos. He is chairman of the fire committee, and a very useful member of the improvement and of the sanitary and sewer committees. He has been sent as the representative of his party to many county and congressional conventions and was honored with the appointment of sergeant-at-arms at the Democratic National Convention at Chicago when President Cleveland was nominated the second time. He is a member of the Masonic bodies from the Blue Lodge to the Mystic Shrine, attending the lodges of the higher branches at Dayton, Ohio; he is also connected with the order of Elks.



GEORGE P. CONNER of Lima, one of the leading Masons of the United States, is a native of Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, born in 1858, and is a son of James A. Conner. The father was also born in the Keystone State, where he died some 40 years ago, being a steamboat pilot on the Alleghany River nearly all his life.

Our subject left Pennsylvania in 1876. In boyhood he had moved to Philadelphia where he was educated and later mastered the business of sign painting. In the year mentioned he located in Ada, Ohio, and four years thereafter (1880) in Lima, two years later removing to Topeka, Kansas. He followed his profession in that city for 13 years, and then spent some four years traveling in the interest of the Pittsburg Plate Glass Company and Carter's White Lead Company. In 1902 he returned to Lima, and this city has been his place of residence ever since.

In 1880 Mr. Conner was married to Fannie L. Funk, a daughter of Randolph M. Funk, and they have two daughters—Rhea Lillian and Mabel Pauline. The former married Charles R. Lingo, a locomotive engineer residing at Cincinnati, Ohio, where he is at present manager for P. F. Collier & Company. The latter resides at home. Mr. Conner and family attend the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Conner enjoys the distinction of being one of the most competent cryptic Masons in the Union, and is probably one of the most widely known members of the fraternity in the United States. He has a national reputation as an expounder of the Masonic work. In 1893 he was the exemplifier of cryptic rite work before the General Grand Council of the United States at Topeka, Kansas, and is thrice illustrious master of Lima Council, No. 20, R. & S. M.; is the grand representative of the Grand Council of Kansas near the Grand Council of Ohio.

In this fraternal connection is quoted the following extract from the proceedings of the M. I. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Kansas, at their 37th annual assembly, held in the city of Wichita, Kansas, February 13-14, A. D., 1904. A. Dep. 2905:





C. C. BLISS, M. D.







"It has been my pleasure during the year to issue a commission to Ill. Comp. George P. Conner, now of Lima, Ohio, and formerly a member of Zabud Council, No. 4, Topeka, Kansas. Comp. Conner, with his usual energy and devotion to the work of Cryptic Masonry, became interested in Lima Council and in the Grand Council of Ohio. When Comp. Bromwell, our Grand Representative near the Grand Council of Ohio, became acquainted with Comp. Conner, he immediately insisted that he should resign and that the Grand Master of the Grand Council of Ohio should recommend the appointment of Comp. Conner, which was accordingly done, and a commission issued to Comp. Conner. We are pleased to be able to enroll his name among the Grand Representatives of this Grand Council."

Great pleasure is also taken in quoting from the proceedings of the Grand Council of Royal, Select and Super-Excellent Masters of Alabama, held in the city of Montgomery, as follows:

"One of the most interesting gatherings in the Masonic history of Montgomery and indeed in the State, was in the Odd Fellows' Hall which had been kindly tendered for the occasion, last evening, when Montgomery Council of Royal and Select Masters received 26 candidates into the beauties and mysteries of Cryptic Masonry. Companion George P. Conner, of Zabud Council, No. 4, Topeka, Kansas, one of the brightest and most intelligent Masons of the Union, had kindly consented to be present and assist in the work. To him the greatest credit for the success of the assembly is to be accorded."



C. BLISS, M. D., mayor of Delphos, whose portrait is herewith shown, is one of Allen County's most prominent citizens and comes from a family which has been connected with the important events in this section of the country for more than a half century. Dr. Bliss was born at Lima, Allen County, Ohio, and is a son of Col. Lester and Aldulia (Curtis) Bliss, grandson of Dr. David Bliss and great-grand-

son of Samuel Bliss, a patriot of Revolutionary fame whose ancestry was both English and Dutch. Early records make Samuel Bliss a man of note in peace as well as in war.

Dr. David Bliss was born in Vermont and married Mary Van Trees, who came from an old Holland family that became established in New York at an early date. Dr. David Bliss was one of the pioneer physicians of Sparta, Morrow County, Ohio, and there he practiced his profession until his death in 1846, at the age of 60 years. He was a man of local prominence outside his profession, and served as a justice of the peace for very many years. The children of Dr. David Bliss and wife were: Morgan L., a physician; and Maria, Mason, Mahala, Porter, Lester and Mary A., who have passed off the scene of life's activities.

In Col. Lester Bliss, the father of our subject, Ohio possessed a man of intellectual versatility, one who attained wide repute as a lawyer, soldier and statesman. The sixth child of his parents' family, his birth took place at Cooperstown, New York, August 10, 1817. His education was the most liberal that the time and locality afforded, his literary training being secured at Gambier, in Knox County, Ohio, and at Granville, in Licking County. At an early age he turned his attention to the study of the law, pursuing his studies under Hon. Henry B. Curtis, a leading attorney. While a resident of Lima, he was also interested for a time in a store and foundry business.

When Colonel Bliss removed to Delphos, he transferred his business to his new location and it was continued here for a number of years under the firm name of Bliss & Hover, his partner being a connection through his first marriage. In 1850 Colonel Bliss was elected the first mayor of Delphos and administered the affairs of the town to its benefit and became so generally popular with his fellow-citizens that in 1852 he was elected to the Legislature under the new State constitution. In 1853 he was nominated for the office of Lieutenant-Governor of Ohio, but before the final contest came he withdrew his name in the interest of party concord. It was during this memorable campaign that he lost his wife, who was the mother



of our subject, a lady to whom he was devotedly attached and one upon whom he greatly depended for advice and counsel. Her death had much to do with his loss of interest in political advancement.

Later Colonel Bliss accepted the position of superintendent of the Ohio & Indiana Railroad now a part of the Pennsylvania system, which position he filled for several years. In 1859 he disposed of his business at Delphos and moved upon a farm west of the city, on which he lived for some years, subsequently trading it for a beautiful property of 312 acres situated along the Auglaize River, some five miles south and east of Delphos, which he secured while at home on furlough from his duties as an officer in the Civil War.

When the 118th Regiment, Ohio Vol. Inf., was recruited in 1862, Colonel Bliss was delegated to visit Governor David Tod in order to make arrangements for its efficiency in the field and the Governor immediately appointed Colonel Bliss as quartermaster, with rank of major. One year later he was commissioned lieutenant-colonel and with the regiment was sent to serve with General Burnside in the East. He took part in the siege of Knoxville and in many other engagements of a more or less serious character and continued in the service until his health, caused by army hardships, compelled him to resign in 1863. He returned to the quietude of his country home and resided there in retirement until his death in 1898.

Colonel Bliss was thrice married: first, in 1844, to Belinda Hover, who was a daughter of Emanuel and Caroline (Adgate) Hover, of Shawnee township, Allen County. At her death in 1847, Mrs. Bliss left two sons, viz: David M., of Lima, who is associated with the Western & Southern Life Insurance Company; and Lester LeGrande, a veteran of the Civil War, who died at Fort Scott, Kansas. Colonel Bliss married, second, Mrs. Aldulia Kennedy, who was a daughter of William Curtis and the widow of a prominent early attorney of Lima. The most estimable, beloved and admired lady passed away as above stated, leaving an only child, C. C. Bliss, of this record. The third marriage of Colonel Bliss was to a sister

of his first wife. Mrs. Bliss still resides at Delphos. For many years Colonel Bliss was very active in the Methodist Episcopal Church and filled the greater number of the offices in the local church at Delphos. In political sentiment he began his political career as a Democrat; at the opening of the war he became identified with the party known as War Democrats; but in later years he became affiliated with the Republican party. He was a very prominent member of the G. A. R. Post at Delphos and, as he would have chosen, his funeral was conducted with military honors.

C. C. Bliss came to Delphos in boyhood and first attended the public schools here and enjoyed still better advantages at Mount Vernon, in Knox county. Determining to become a physician, he studied and worked for three years under Dr. H. P. Wagner, of Delphos, as preceptor and in 1874 was graduated from the Bellevue Hospital, Medical College, of New York. His preceptor was a graduate of the same college, had enjoyed post-graduate work in Europe, was one of the censors of the Toledo Medical College, and came to what is now Delphos in 1847, settling in what was then known as "Section 10." After the death of Dr. Wagner, Dr. Bliss opened an office of his own and continued in practice for four years and then was interested in a paper mill which he purchased and operated for a time. Later he resumed practice for a short period, after which he engaged for some years in farming. In February, 1883, he again took up professional work and also entered into a drug business with J. W. Evans.

Dr. Bliss has always been active in politics and in 1899 he was elected, on the Republican ticket, mayor of Delphos. After serving two years in this position, he was succeeded by G. W. Wilson for one year, was then re-elected in 1902 and is still the incumbent. In his official life he has ever shown that he has the best interests of the community at heart and has demonstrated that he is a true friend of education, culture and progress.

Dr. Bliss was married to Sophronia O. Herick, who was born at Mount Gilead, Ohio, and is a daughter of Simeon and Tirza (Nichols)







Herrick. Fraternally Dr. Bliss is a Mason of very high degree and has filled many official positions. He is a director of the Commercial Bank at Delphos and secretary of the Delphos Building and Loan Association.



MINOR T. LONG, one of the prominent citizens and substantial, reliable and representative men of Allen County, residing in his comfortable and attractive home on his farm of 350 acres, located in sections 28, 33 and 34, Marion township, was born August 24, 1845, in Clermont County, Ohio, and is a son of Jacob and Rebecca A. (Westerfield) Long.

The Long family is a typical American one, the record of past generations showing loyalty to country and good citizenship in upholding her laws. Jacob Long, the grandfather of Minor T., and a son of Jacob, removed with his first wife, Elizabeth Carlinard, from Fayetteville, North Carolina, to Hamilton County, Ohio, settling with the pioneers on the site of the present city of Cincinnati. He had done good service in the War of 1812. After some years of residence at Cincinnati, he decided to press still farther into the wilderness, much of which was then almost unknown territory, and after making his decision shipped the household effects from Cincinnati to Clermont County, and in the spring of 1852 he came by canal-boat to the neighborhood of Delphos, and settled on 73 acres, which comprise a part of our subject's farm. The land is beautifully situated, sloping gently to the Auglaize River, and has every advantage of location and fertility to make it one of the most valuable estates in this section of Ohio. On this land, engaged in clearing and tilling, in looking after the interests of his family and paying attention to the welfare of his community, Grandfather Long spent the rest of a long, useful and worthy life, dying May 6, 1869, aged 87 years, 2 months and 1 day. His second wife, Mrs. Minerva (Free) Westerfield, who was the widow of Jacob Westerfield, died seven years later, on November 25, 1876, aged 76 years, 8

months and 19 days. Their remains rest in Walnut Grove Cemetery, a marble slab marking the spot. In close proximity rest the ashes of their son, the father of our subject, and here in his memory has been placed one of the most beautiful granite monuments of the "City of the Dead."

For a number of years these venerated pioneers lived in a primitive log cabin, surrounded by the forest, and they passed through many of the hardships which early settlers so courageously faced and endured. They wore homespun clothes, they made by hand almost all of the necessary household implements, and they labored from rise to set of sun; but they also found time to build up those civilizing influences which have always attended upon worthy living, throwing open their cabin to the traveling preacher and securing instructors for their children. Mr. Long was a better educated man than many of his neighbors and naturally was consulted by them on public questions. All over the county this venerable couple were known and their virtues were appreciated.

Jacob Long, father of our subject, was born in Ohio and died in Allen County on July 31, 1895, aged 71 years, 8 months and 30 days. He married Rebecca A. Westerfield, whose death occurred at the age of 64 years, 1 month and 8 days. They both were worthy and interested members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, being connected with the Morris Chapel congregation at Delphos. They were the parents of four children, namely: Minor T., of Marion township; Marianna, who married Theodore Culp, of Van Wert, Ohio, and has a family of children; F. E., who is a farmer living in section 22, Marion township, married and has reared a family; and Minerva, who is the wife of Samuel W. Wright, a member of the Board of County Commissioners of Allen County—he resides in section 29, Marion township, his farm being on the Lima turn-pike road.

The father of Mr. Long followed agricultural pursuits through life, farming in section 28, Marion township. During the Civil War he followed the example set him by his father, and became a soldier when his country needed



his services. He enlisted in a company of the 33rd Regiment, Ohio Vol. Inf., which came to constitute a part of the army of General Sherman and with him made that glorious "March to the Sea." He was one of that victorious company which participated in the Grand Review at Washington.

After the close of the war, Jacob Long put aside his sword, figuratively turning it into a pruning-hook, and returned to the peaceful pursuits from which he had been called by the danger of the dismemberment of his country. He was elected by his fellow-citizens to a number of the local offices, including that of trustee of Marion township, and during his whole life there were numerous evidences shown of the high esteem in which he was held by his neighbors. He was a man ever ready to forward every movement of public value and his hand was open to the call of charity.

Minor T. Long, our immediate subject, is a most worthy representative of ancestors whose honorable lives have been pictured above. He was reared among conditions which were still more or less of a pioneer character, and he remembers well the old log schoolhouse, with its slab seats for benches and its great open fireplace, where he first received instruction. Before his school days were ended, however, a neat frame building took the place of the log structure, and many improvements were introduced.

From early boyhood Mr. Long had duties to perform about the farm. He now reaps the benefit of his boyhood labors. Few farmers have met with more pronounced success than has Mr. Long, in cultivating his land; but he has given more attention in later years to the raising of Shorthorn cattle and fine Percheron horses. He is a fine judge of stock of all kinds and is a familiar figure at agricultural fairs. He has had the satisfaction of bearing off the blue ribbons for his fine Percheron stock at several expositions, notably the Allen County and the Putnam County fairs, for several years.

In the fall of 1867 Mr. Long was married to Nancy J. Tucker, who was born in Perry County, Ohio, and is a daughter of G. W. Tucker. Her father was a pioneer of Allen

County. Mr. and Mrs. Long have four children: Cora E., wife of E. E. Truesdale, assistant postmaster at Delphos; Dane D., who was married in June, 1905, to Hazel Bradley; Dawn C., unmarried, who assists on the home farm; and Charles Clifford, also at home. Mr. Long and family belong to Morris Chapel and he is one of the board of trustees.

During the Civil War, our subject, like his ancestors, gave loyal service to his country. He was a member of Company B, McLaughlin's Squadron, and was all through the Atlanta campaign, marching with Sherman's forces to the sea. He is a member of the Reul Post, G. A. R., at Delphos, and has been commander. Mr. Long has served as trustee of Marion township for two terms; after having been connected with the School Board for a long period, he is now serving as its president. He is also president of the Mutual Insurance Company of Allen County, which carries nearly \$3,000,000 of risks. He is also treasurer of Walnut Grove Cemetery, which, without doubt, is one of the most beautiful and well-arranged burial places in the county. As one of the officials Mr. Long gives close and careful attention to the constant improvement and beautifying of this spot.



L. BATES, who is prominently identified with the oil interests of the State, has been a resident of Lima since 1886. He was born in the Berkshire Hills of Massachusetts, February 3, 1852, and is a son of the late Norman R. Bates, who was a well-known oil producer.

R. L. Bates was educated at the well-known Walkill Academy, at Middletown, New York, and at Flushing, Long Island. He was first introduced to the oil business at Titusville, Crawford County, Pennsylvania. Almost from the beginning of his business life he has been associated in some way with different oil fields, including Bradford, Pennsylvania, and other points. He came to Lima as agent of the Buckeye Pipe Line Company, which was organized and incorporated in April, 1886. The present local officers of this company are:









LOUIS F. LAUDICK, M. D.



John O'Brien, general superintendent; M. Moran, assistant general superintendent, and R. L. Bates, agent. This office is the Lima branch of the great transportation and storage oil company, and their pipe lines run through the Ohio and Indiana oil fields. Mr. Bates is also agent for the Indiana Pipe Line Company, of Indiana, which operates in the oil field of that State. In addition to carefully looking after the interests of these great companies, Mr. Bates is interested in other enterprises and still finds time and takes pleasure in furthering commendable public movements, and is a factor in social, political and fraternal life. In political sentiment he is a Democrat. Prior to leaving Pennsylvania, he was a member of the Democratic Central Committee of McKean County and was chairman of the Democratic City Committee, of Bradford.

Mr. Bates was married December 15, 1874 to Evelyn Hazzard, who is a daughter of the late Hiram Hazzard, at one time the leading merchant at Titusville, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Bates have one daughter, Mrs. George A. Straw, who is in the telephone business at Carlisle, Pennsylvania. The family belong to the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Mr. Bates is prominent in Masonry and belongs to the Blue Lodge, Council, Chapter and Commandery at Lima. He has been a member of the board of directors of The Masonic Hall Company since its organization, and was a member of the organizing board of directors which conceived and carried to completion the building of the stately Masonic Temple here. He continues to be secretary, treasurer and superintendent of The Masonic Hall Company. His intelligence, business acumen and public-spirit have been brought to bear in cooperating with other financiers and men of affairs, and the result has been of large benefit to Lima.

**L**OUIS F. LAUDICK, M. D., one of the leading medical practitioners of Lima, with well-appointed and convenient offices at No. 49½ Public Square, stands very high in this city, both personally and professionally. He was born in Wayne township, Allen County, Ohio, and is a

son of Louis and Clarissa J. (Miller) Laudick.

The paternal grandfather of Dr. Laudick was John Laudick and the maternal grandfather was John Miller, both men of character and of substance. Louis Laudick, father of Dr. Laudick, was born in Pennsylvania, where he learned the trade of a carpenter and followed the same for a time, but subsequently became a farmer in Allen County, Ohio, where he died March 6, 1869. He reared a family of 10 children.

Dr. Laudick was educated in the public schools of Allen County and was graduated at the Lima High School. In this city he studied medicine under the tutelage of well-established physicians, and then entered the Ohio Medical College, Cincinnati, where he was graduated March 6, 1890. He located at Lima, which has since been his home almost continuously, the period interrupted only by three years of travel in Colorado and Utah. The year of 1893 was spent at the great Mormon city of Salt Lake, and 1895 at Cripple Creek. He has established a large and lucrative practice at Lima and ranks with the county's best physicians and surgeons.

Dr. Laudick was married to Nettie McClure, who is a daughter of James A. McClure. They have a very pleasant home at No. 525 West Market street.

Dr. Laudick is very prominent in fraternal life, being a Mason of high degree, belonging to the Blue Lodge, Chapter and Council at Lima, and to Syrian Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Cincinnati. He is also an Odd Fellow. He keeps closely in touch with modern medical thought, having membership in the Allen County Medical Society, Ohio State Medical Society, Northwestern Ohio Medical Association and American Medical Association. His portrait accompanies this sketch.

**S**OLON D. SNIDER was born in Thorn township, Perry County, Ohio, April 30, 1842, and came to Allen County in the spring of 1865 when he bought 80 acres of land in section 25, Jackson township, took possession in April of that year, and has lived upon it ever since. His





parents were Daniel and Mary (Greenawalt) Snider, and his grandfather was also named Daniel Snider.

The grandfather of our subject was born in Pennsylvania, whence he came to Ohio, entering land in Perry County, where he died March 3, 1866, at the age of 93 years, 7 months and a few days. He was a Whig, while his son and grandson (our subject) became Democrats. He took an active part in reform work and was a leader in the German Baptist or Dunkard Church, being one of the preachers of that body and holding services in his house and barn until they were able to build a house of worship.

Daniel Snider, the father of our subject, was born in Thorn township, Perry County, Ohio, June 28, 1808. During his younger days he engaged in teaching school, and afterwards bought a farm of 180 acres in Perry County, where he devoted his time to agriculture until his death November 3, 1861. He was a member of the Lutheran Church. He was married to Mary Greenawalt, who was born in Hocking County, Ohio, in 1811 and died in Perry County, March 6, 1895, at the age of 83 years, 3 months and 20 days. Her parents, Mathias and Mary (Coon) Greenawalt, came to this State from Maryland, and were of German descent. She was the mother of the following children, viz: Lucinda (Boyer), deceased; John Henry, who resides on the homestead in Perry County; Mary Katharine (Clum), deceased; Solomon D.; Sarah Elizabeth (Anspach), of Jackson township; and Eliza Ann (Humberger), deceased.

Solomon D. Snider was reared in his native county where he was married August 31, 1863, to Katharine Zartman. She was a daughter of Henry and Mary (Swinehart) Zartman, of Perry County, and was born February 18, 1844. She died May 4, 1902, leaving two children, Mary Aretta, wife of R. C. Klingler; and Clarence Franklin, both of Hardin County. Mr. Snider came here with his wife and one child and at once set about improving his new home. He erected buildings, planted an orchard and made many other improvements from which he is to-day reaping the benefits. He has been

an industrious, frugal man and in addition to caring for his farm ran a threshing machine for some time. He has been assessor three times and made a most efficient officer. He is a member of the Lutheran Church and served as deacon and elder for many years.

**F**RANCIS M. ROBERTS, an influential farmer of Allen County, owns a well-kept farm of 61 acres in sections 16 and 22, Bath township, where he has resided for the past 18 years. He is a son of Warren and Mary (Rumbaugh) Roberts, and was born October 8, 1851, in Jackson township, Allen County, Ohio. Both parents were natives of this county, the father dying here in 1853. The mother reached her 70th year and was living in Kansas at the time of her death. Their family consisted of six children, namely: William S., who died in Indiana after serving almost five years in the Civil War; George W., who died in the army at Nashville, Tennessee; Milo, a successful farmer of Bath township; Anna Jane, deceased; Francis M.; and Warren, deceased.

Francis M. Roberts has been engaged in farming all his life and has also worked at the carpenter's trade considerably. He moved to Kansas about 1877 and farmed there about two and a half years before entirely making up his mind that Ohio was hard to beat as a farming State. He then returned to Allen County and again took up agricultural work in Bath township, where he has since resided. In 1887 he purchased his present farm, where he raises considerable grain each year, the greater part of which is consumed by the stock which he fattens for market.

Mr. Roberts was married in 1872 to Emma Roush, who was born May 7, 1850, in Juniata County, Pennsylvania, and is a daughter of Henry and Susannah Roush, who came to this county when Mrs. Roberts was a child of about two years. Eleven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Roberts, namely: Charles, born December 6, 1872, and residing in Lima, who served in the Spanish-American War; Almenta, born August 8, 1874, who married Emmett



Fisher, of Lima; Maggie Jane, born January 26, 1876, deceased February 1, 1903; Francis Ephraim, born January 16, 1878, who is now a resident of Oregon; Anna Jane, born December 8, 1880; Bertha May, born November 21, 1882; Cora, born August 1, 1885; William Theodore, born March 19, 1888; Ruth L., born July 14, 1893; Oliver Ray, born October 22, 1890; and Gertrude, born July 19, 1895. The family home is one of the neatest and most commodious in the township, and bears evidence of the care and labor bestowed upon it by its owner. Mr. Roberts has been a lifelong Republican. For more than 30 years he was a zealous worker in the Methodist Episcopal and United Brethren churches, but during the past three years he has not been active in church work, although retaining all his old-time interest.

**A**LLEXANDER SHENK, president of the National Bank of Delphos, was born in Prussia, July 19, 1842, and is a son of Martin and Christine (Kern) Shenk.

The parents of Mr. Shenk were also natives of Prussia. The father carried on a mercantile business in Prussia, and was a tailor by trade. He was the father of five sons, all of whom, when reaching the proper age, were subject to military duty if they remained under the home government. Mr. Shenk decided to avoid, if possible, the expense and what he felt was a great loss of time to his boys, in giving three years of their young lives to the army, and in October, 1853, he emigrated with his family to America.

The first stage of the long journey brought them to Paris, thence they traveled to Havre, where the party was obliged to wait a month before securing a passage. Finally accommodations were secured on a vessel, and after a voyage of 42 days they were safely landed in New York City in January, 1854. The destination of the family was the settlement at Ottville, Putnam County, Ohio, six miles from Delphos, where a number of their old friends, formerly from Prussia, had already established themselves. The winter of 1853-54 was one of un-

usual severity, and Martin Shenk was compelled to locate temporarily at Williamsburg, New York, where the family remained for six months. In September, 1854, Mr. Shenk arrived with his family at Delphos and was so pleased with the prospects of the place that he decided to locate here permanently instead of at Ottville, as originally intended. He secured work as a tailor at Delphos with Frank Byres, with whom he continued for five years, and was later connected with the firm of Lye & Marble, also a tailoring firm, for the same length of time.

A few years after locating at Delphos, Mr. Shenk purchased a small farm of 10 acres which adjoined the corporation, and he lived on it until 1863. The death of his wife occurred in February, 1867, and his own in April, 1872.

Alexander Shenk began his education in Prussia and completed it at Delphos. He was only a boy of 12 years when he began to make his own way in the world, becoming a clerk in the drug-store of J. W. Hunt in Delphos, with whom he remained for seven years. During this time he learned the drug business very thoroughly, and in 1861, with his brother, the late Saffron Shenk, he opened a drug-store in the lower end of Delphos. After a partnership of two years, our subject bought his brother's interest and continued the business alone for the next three years, adding to his business by the purchase from Mr. Hunt, of the drug-store in which he had been an apprentice. After the completion of this business deal, he took John Walsh in as partner, and they conducted the two stores, in different parts of the city, for about a year, after which Mr. Shenk disposed of his interest to his former employer, Mr. Hunt. Within four months, however, he was again actively engaged in the drug business in partnership with Michael Britain, and two years later he bought Mr. Britain's interest and then admitted to partnership his old clerk, George F. Lang. The firm of Shenk & Lang continued until 1880, when the partners sold the business.

The Union Flouring Mills began business at Delphos, in 1873, and for five years the concern was conducted as a stock company; but







business misfortunes came upon it, and in the fall of 1879 it was sold at sheriff's sale. Mr. Shenk bid in the property, acting as the agent of what was then the First National Bank, the main creditor of the old company. In the same year Mr. Shenk and another director of the bank were instructed to remodel the property and put it into operation, and as a result, on April 1, 1880, the mill was started. While acting as one of the committee to look after the mill, Mr. Shenk saw that under good management it might be converted into an excellent paying property, and after selling their drug business, the firm of Shenk & Lang purchased the mill property.

In 1882 the mills were entirely remodeled, and a full roller system was put in at a cost of \$9,000. A second remodeling took place in 1892, when new and improved machinery was installed, and the mill made modern in every particular. The mills did business under the name of the "Eagle Flouring Mills" and became the most important in the county, having an output of 150 barrels of flour per day. The firm did an extensive business, becoming the largest wheat buyers in Allen and Van Wert counties. Their average annual shipment was over 200,000 bushels of wheat. The partnership continued until 1895, when Mr. Shenk sold his interest to Mr. Lang and the business is now conducted by the heirs of the latter, who died some years since.

In 1872 Mr. Shenk became a director in the First National Bank and he continued as such until the expiration of the bank's charter. In 1883 the National Bank of Delphos was organized as a successor to the First National, by the same capitalists and Mr. Shenk continued on the directing board. Upon the death of President Theodore Wrocklage, in 1891, Mr. Shenk was elected as his successor, a position he still holds. Ever since coming to Delphos, he has taken an interest in the city's various enterprises and he has given encouragement and assistance to every worthy cause. He has been vice-president of the Delphos Electric Light & Power Company, and from its organization he has been president of the Delphos Building & Loan Association.

Not only in business circles has Mr. Shenk

been prominent; in spite of the responsibilities of a personal nature resting upon him, he has found time to respond to the calls of his fellow-citizens and to serve most efficiently in a number of township and county offices. For 12 years he was clerk of Marion township. For two years he served in the office of township trustee, and at the close of his term was elected township treasurer, an office he held continuously for 10 years, retiring from that office in 1892. In the latter year he was appointed by the Board of County Commissioners a member of the board of trustees of the Allen County Children's Home. He has been equally prominent as a member of a number of civic boards and charitable and benevolent institutions.

In 1863 Mr. Shenk was united in marriage with Elizabeth Wrocklage, who was a daughter of the late Theodore Wrocklage, formerly president of the National Bank of Delphos, and one of the city's leading financiers and prominent men.

Mr. Shenk was reared in the Roman Catholic Church, and from boyhood has taken an active part in its various channels of religious work and social life. In 1878 when the building of the present stately structure of the Church of St. John the Evangelist was commenced, he was a member of the board of trustees and its treasurer, and he had charge of the finances and handled the contracts until completed. Its cost under his careful management was \$100,000, a sum he was mainly instrumental in raising.



ALVIN OSBORN, one of the old-established business men of Lima, a dealer in granite and marble monuments, is also an honored survivor of the Civil War, having given three years of his young manhood to the service of his country. Mr. Osborn was born in Lordstown township, Trumbull County, Ohio, April 5, 1841, and is a son of William and Sarah (Jordan) Osborn.

The father of Mr. Osborn was born at Redstone, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, and accompanied his parents in childhood to Stark County, Ohio, where he was reared and where



he married. The mother of our subject was a native of Scotland. Both parents died in Trumbull County. For many years William Osborn was a prominent farmer and dairyman of Trumbull County and was a leading citizen, interested in both political and educational affairs. He was a staunch Abolitionist long before the Civil War settled the question of human slavery. He reared a family of five sons and six daughters, as follows: Henry M., who died in Coffey County, Kansas, where he was a prominent agriculturist; John, who is a retired farmer of North Jackson, Mahoning County, Ohio; Josiah S., who has been a book-keeper in rolling and wire mills at Cleveland, Ohio, for over 40 years; James L., a retired farmer of North Jackson, Ohio; Julia, deceased in 1873, who was the wife of Josiah Duncan, of Trumbull County; Mary, deceased in 1851, who was the wife of Milo Beard, of Mahoning County; Susan, who died in 1856; Sarah, who died in 1851; Jennie (Dalzell), who resides in Oklahoma; and Alice, deceased in 1890, who was the wife of W. J. Hull, of Allen County.

Calvin Osborn came first to Lima in 1860, a young teacher of 19 years. He continued to teach in this city until 1862, when he enlisted for service in the Civil War, entering Company C, 84th Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf. He was mustered into the army at Camp Chase, Columbus, and immediately afterward accompanied the command to Cumberland City, Maryland, his mettle being tried first at New Creek, where the enemy was routed. Minor engagements followed as the Union forces pursued the Confederates through the mountains of West Virginia and Maryland, and his regiment was also utilized to convey prisoners from one point to another. During his three years of service, Mr. Osborn's record shows that he was never missing from the post of duty and at all times was a cheerful, brave and efficient soldier. He was mustered out of the service at Camp Delaware.

Mr. Osborn returned then to Lima and taught school for some years, and then went into a milling business for some six years, after which he went on the road as traveling salesman for J. D. Halter, of Lima, in the granite and monument line. Since closing out that

contract, he has been engaged in the same line for himself. He has resided in the same home, at No. 325 West Wayne street, since May 5, 1865.

On December 21, 1864, Mr. Osborn was married to Frances A. Barber, a daughter of the late John and Nancy (Ferguson) Barber, who was born in Pennsylvania and were early settlers in Bath township, Allen County, coming here in 1829. Mr. and Mrs. Osborn have two sons—Grant C. and Clifton A. The former is manager of the Cleveland-Berea Stone Company, for the Western States, with headquarters at Chicago, and the latter is associated with F. E. Harman, of Lima. Mr. Osborn and his wife are members of the Disciples' Church. Politically he is a Republican and has frequently served as a delegate to conventions. He is a member of Mart Armstrong Post, No. 202, G. A. R.



FREDERIC ALTSTAETTER, one of the prominent farmers of Monroe township, whose 200 acres of well-improved land are situated in section 29, was born in this township, January 26, 1838, and is a son of Jacob and Catharine (Bucher) Altstaetter.

The father of our subject was born in Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany, February 21, 1811, and came to the United States in 1832. He spent a year in Maryland, where he followed his trade of cabinet-making at Fredericktown, and then removed to Dayton, Ohio, in 1833. In 1835 he came to Monroe township, Allen County, where a long, busy and useful life was spent. He owned a very large body of land at one time, but prior to his death he gave his children all but 200 acres. He learned to speak the English language intelligently, but the German tongue was the one usually heard in the home. He was a staunch supporter of the Democratic party but never cared for political office. He was a man of integrity of character and was one of the leading Germans of his locality. It was through his efforts and generosity that the German Evangelical Church was founded in Monroe town-







ship. At Dayton, Ohio, he was married to Catherine Bucher, who was born in Montgomery County, Ohio, October 26, 1816, and died in Monroe township, in December, 1903. On the paternal side her people came from Switzerland and settled first in Pennsylvania.

Our subject is one of 13 children, namely: Elizabeth, deceased; Frederic; John, deceased; Susannah (Haas), of Lima; Sarah (Zulinger), of Lima; George L., of Monroe township, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work; Michael, of Lima; Mary (Rummel), of Monroe township; Louisa, Catherine and Bertha, deceased; Philip Jacob, living on the old homestead, whose sketch is given elsewhere in this work; and Abigail, deceased.

In 1866 our subject was married to Elizabeth Krouse and they resided on her father's farm in Putnam County for 12 years. Then Mr. Altstaetter bought his present well-improved farm, where he has carried on general farming and stock-raising ever since.

Mrs. Altstaetter was born in Richland County, Ohio, August 18, 1847, and was 20 years of age when she accompanied her parents to Putnam County. They were John and Margaret (Stein) Krouse, natives of Germany, but both of them had come as children to America. Mr. and Mrs. Altstaetter have three sons, viz.: John, a merchant at Cairo; Charles, who operates the home farm; and George F., who farms in Monroe township. Mr. Altstaetter and wife are members of the German Reformed Church. Politically, he is a Democrat.



**W**B. CRAIG, manager of The Crystal Ice & Coal Company, of Lima, Ohio, was born in Sidney, this State, and is a son of Samuel R.

Craig, who for more than 35 years has been an engineer for the C., H. & D. Railway. Samuel R. Craig was born about 1847 in Butler County, Pennsylvania, but came to Lima with his parents when a lad of five years. The grandfather of our subject, Milton C. Craig, now deceased, was also well known in railroad circles, as he assisted in the building of the Pennsylvania road from Allegheny City

to Fort Wayne, Indiana, and held a responsible position with the company for 15 years. Later he was identified with the C., H. & D. road for 18 years, when he retired from active work. He served two terms on the board of directors of the Lima Water-Works and was a man well liked by everyone.

W. B. Craig has spent the greater part of his life in Lima where he was educated, being graduated from the Lima High School in the class of 1890. Securing work with the C., H. & D. Railway, he was employed first in their offices in Lima, and later went on the road, remaining in their service about three years. The two years following were spent with the Solar Refining Company, and he then engaged in the ice business for one year. Being tendered the management of the Lima Ice & Coal Company, he served in that capacity two years and was then identified with the Pure Ice Company. This company built a plant in Lima and was afterward succeeded by The Crystal Ice & Coal Company, Mr. Craig remaining with the new management, and one year later being placed in charge of the business. He is a shrewd business man and well fitted for the place, having shown marked ability in looking after the interests of the company.

W. B. Craig was married in 1896 to Mary Thompson, daughter of Frederick Thompson, a retired railroad man of Lima. They have one child, Isabelle. Mr. Craig has but recently been elected to a seat in the City Council of Lima, and it is certain that the interests of the city will lose nothing by having so careful and conscientious a gentleman to look after their advancement.



**W**ILLIAM NAPIER, one of the old pioneers of Shawnee township, after a long, busy and useful life, passed away on his large farm in section 14, on March 15, 1900.

Prior to his marriage William Napier had bought property at Pulaski, Pennsylvania, and was married in that State while his bride was temporarily residing there. She was Sarah Huff, born in Hubbard township, Trumbull County, Ohio, April 7, 1818, and a

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daughter of Adam and Anna (Hall) Huff, the former of whom was born in Virginia and the latter, in New Jersey. The children born to William Napier and wife were: Adelia, who died aged two years; Amanda, who died aged six years; Charles, who died aged two years; Hanlon, who died at Toledo, in 1899, who had been a member of the 54th Regiment, Ohio Vol. Inf., in the Civil War; Harriet B., wife of Silas Reed, of Shawnee township; Elizabeth Adelia, wife of Salem Reed, of Shawnee township; Hillary C., a prominent citizen of Lima and a member of the City Council, who married Emma Bird; Susan, who married Freeman Reed, of Lima; Sarah, who married William A. Smith; and Mary, who married John Striff.

On October 7, 1843, Mr. Napier started with his family from Trumbull County to make a home in Allen County, which was then almost a wilderness. The great wagon, with its household goods and the family, lumbered along through the unbroken forests, not a road having yet been cut, crossed dangerous streams and had numerous adventures; but after a journey of two weeks Mr. Napier reached Shawnee township and settled first on a farm south of the one now occupied by his family. Later he moved to the farm in section 14 on which he lived for 46 years. He graded and constructed the road in front of his home, and in the year following the Civil War erected the present comfortable brick house in which Mrs. Napier still resides. Although he had not been reared to agricultural work, being a shoemaker and tanner, he cleared and put under cultivation two farms, developing them from the forest. At one time he owned 200 acres of land, but subsequently sold 80 acres to his son-in-law, Salem Reed.

For many years Mr. Napier was identified with the Republican party; but in later life, realizing the crime and curse of intemperance, he cast his influence in favor of the Prohibition party. He was a man of principle and always had the courage of his convictions. He was a worthy and valued member of the Disciples' Church at one time; but later united with the Methodist Episcopal Church. To all denominations he was liberal as became a Christian

man, and he was a generous contributor to the erection of Darling Church, the first Methodist Episcopal edifice in his locality. Until infirmities prevented, he was active in church and Sunday-school and no more thorough teacher of the Holy Scriptures could be found. He had studied them carefully, and was frequently called upon to make clear some obscure subject.

During the entire period of his active life Mr. Napier took an interest in developing the township, assisting in framing good laws and in forwarding movements for the building of churches and school-houses and the construction of good roads. His venerable wife survives him; and in spite of her burden of 88 years retains her active mental faculties and enjoys the visits of her neighbors and devoted children.

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**E**M. BOTKINS, a resident of Lima who for years was the leading liveryman of the city, was born in Shelby County, Ohio, in 1858. He was reared and educated in his native county, taking a course in the schools of Sidney, after which he began working by the month on a farm. He continued this work until about 1878 when he came to Lima and secured a position as fireman on the C., H. & D. Railway under Engineer John Black. Later he was promoted to the more responsible position of engineer and had charge of an engine for 14 years, after which he gave up railroading and engaged in the livery business with his brother W. S. Botkins.

Botkins Brothers had the misfortune to be burned out after they had been conducting their business but two and a half years, and from that time until August, 1905, E. M. Botkins continued the business by himself. He did a large business and accumulated sufficient means to enable him to retire from active work at that time. He has since employed his time in looking after his various business interests.

Mr. Botkins was married October 20, 1885, to Nellie Lepsit, daughter of the late William Lepsit, who was a well and favorably known conductor on the Pennsylvania Railroad up to the time of his death in the winter of 1895.







Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Botkins: Carrie, who graduated from the Lima High School, in the class of 1904, and Ruth, who is yet attending school. The family are members of Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church and take an active interest in the church work. Mr. Botkins is a member of the I. O. O. F. During the 27 years of his residence in Lima he has made a host of friends by his honorable and upright demeanor.

**S**AMUEL EAST, one of German township's pioneer farmers and leading citizens, township trustee and school director, was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, December 2, 1830, and is a son of John and Elizabeth (Hufferd) East.

Christopher East, the paternal grandfather, was a Hessian soldier in the British Army during the Revolutionary War, who later located in Pickaway County, Ohio, followed agriculture and died there. His son, John East, father of Samuel, was born near Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, December 12, 1794, and later moved to Pickaway County, Ohio, and died in Allen County, September 20, 1862. On April 3, 1817, he married Elizabeth Hufferd, who was born in 1799. Their children were two daughters and three sons, namely: Mary, who married Jacob S. Baker; Elizabeth, who married Samuel Clutter; Isaac, who married Barbara Burkholder; Abraham, who married Jane McMillen; and Samuel, of this sketch, who is the only survivor.

Samuel East was reared on a farm and has devoted his entire life to agricultural pursuits. When prepared to take upon himself domestic responsibilities, he chose for his wife Elizabeth Mumaw, the estimable daughter of Frederick and Elenora (Loughe) Mumaw, old residents of Knox County, Ohio. These children were born to them: Marion, born September 25, 1856, deceased September 23, 1857; Monroe M., born March 13, 1858, who married Priscilla Alice Crider, daughter of Isaac Crider, November 1, 1877; Albert and Alfred (twins), born January 1, 1860—the former deceased February 14, 1860, and the latter, who married

Emma Kauffman, October 29, 1881, still surviving; Melissa Ellen, born July 23, 1861, who married Newton K. Ransbottom, November 29, 1877, and died May 27, 1879; Marietta, born October 16, 1862, who married Isaac D. Crider, March 25, 1880; Irene, born March 23, 1864, deceased December 3, 1872; Duley Iona, born November 15, 1865, who married S. T. Crites, September 13, 1887, and died November 19, 1896; and Sarah Princes, born October 26, 1869, who married Henry F. Desenberg, December 7, 1889, and died March 21, 1900.

**R**M. TAYLOR, secretary, treasurer and manager of the McKibben Gas Engine Company, of Lima, stands among the city's representative business men, although scarcely yet in the prime of life. He was born in England, in April, 1881, and is a son of George Taylor.

The father of R. M. Taylor is one of Allen County's best known men. He graduated as a civil and as a mechanical engineer in England and came to America in 1886. He has served as county surveyor and is a professional civil engineer. One brother of our subject, Joe Taylor, graduated from the Lima Business College, taking the world's record in shorthand. He received the degrees of A. B. and B. S. from Lima College where he taught for a time. Later he took an A. B. degree at Wooster and still later received an A. B. at Harvard University. He is now manager of the Uncas Paper Mills, of Norwich, Connecticut. Still another brother, George Taylor, a graduate of the Lima High School, received the degree of A. B. from the Western Reserve University, and is assistant chief draughtsman for the Pennsylvania lines west of Pittsburg.

R. M. Taylor was five years old when his parents came to America and located at Mount Pleasant, Pennsylvania, where he lived until 1893, when he came to Lima. He attended the Lima High School when Prof. Charles C. Miller was in charge. Immediately after graduating, he entered the shops of the C., H. & D. Railway, where he remained three and a half years, gaining a thoroughly practical edu-



cation. He next spent a short season with Charles W. Angell, in his electrical works, after which he was appointed inspector of locomotives for the Chicago, Cincinnati — Louisville Railroad. He performed the duties of this office for six months; when the road changed hands, Mr. Taylor bought an interest in the McKibben Gas Engine Company. This company was incorporated April 11, 1901, with a capital stock of \$10,000, with C. A. Moore, president; Fred E. Herold, vice-president, and R. M. Taylor, secretary, treasurer and manager. The business is the manufacturing of gasoline engines, repair work on steam and gas-engines and all kinds of boiler work. Mr. Taylor is also a stockholder in the Bower Roller Bearing Company, of Dayton, Ohio. He was made treasurer of the Lima Paper Stock Company, November 15, 1905.

For some 14 years Mr. Taylor has been a member of the Market Street Presbyterian Church of Lima. He takes an active interest in public matters and political contests, but not to the exclusion of his own business interests. He is in every way qualified for the positions he holds and is fast becoming one of the city's successful business men.



P. & J. J. HARDIN, whose extensive agricultural operations and large stock-raising enterprises are carried on in section 35, Perry township, are experienced men in their line of activity.

The firm which is made up of Franklin Pierce and James J. Hardin, brothers, began the raising of Chester-White hogs in 1895. It is probable that no exhibitors at fairs ever met with greater success, year in and year out, than has this firm. They have exhibited at county, State and international fairs, meeting the very best in competition, and have frequently captured every first prize offered, and on all occasions have secured the lion's share of the honors. At the St. Louis Exposition in 1904, they carried off \$1,235 in prizes, and it is a remarkable and unusual fact that at all the various

fairs where they have exhibited, their prizes have been far in excess of the shipping charges and expense of exhibiting. This enviable reputation has been made in a period of six years and it is of so stable a character as to have brought a demand for their Chester-Whites from every section of this country and from Canada. The hogs bring fancy prices and are mainly used by buyers for breeding and exhibition purposes.

The first exhibition made by the firm was in 1898, at the Ohio State Fair, and the exhibit won four first and a second prize and two sweepstakes. In this year the firm lost 92 head; so in 1899 they exhibited but two hogs and received one first and one second prize, and in 1900, three sweepstakes and four first, four second and three third prizes. At the Indiana State Fair in 1900, they were awarded five first premiums, one second, one third and one championship. In 1900 at the Illinois State Fair they were awarded 10 firsts, three seconds, one third and one sweepstake. In the same year, at St. Louis, they received 10 firsts and three thirds. In 1901, at the Pan-American Exposition they took six firsts, six seconds, three thirds, three fourths, one fifth and one sweepstake. In this same year, at the New York State Fair held at Syracuse, they received two championship, 10 firsts out of a possible 11, and three seconds. In 1901, at the Michigan State Fair, they were awarded 11 firsts out of a possible 12, three seconds and two thirds. In 1902, at the Iowa State Fair, held at Des Moines, they received one first, five seconds and one third prize. In 1902, at the Nebraska State Fair held at Lincoln, they received eight firsts, six seconds, four thirds and one fourth, and at the Kansas State Fair, they received 11 firsts and six seconds.

In 1903 they exhibited at the Ohio State Fair and were awarded 11 first, all they were entered in, four seconds and one third. At the Indiana State Fair held at Indianapolis, in 1903, they received eight firsts, two seconds, two thirds and one championship. In the same year, at the Kentucky State Fair held at Owensboro, they were given seven firsts, six seconds and seven thirds. At the Illinois State Fair held at Springfield in 1903, they were







awarded six first and six seconds. At the International Fair held at Chicago, they were awarded 10 firsts, six seconds, two thirds and two championships, this remarkable record of exhibitions and successes being completed at the St. Louis Exposition, as above mentioned. Their prize winners at the St. Louis Louisiana Purchase Exposition were as follows: Junior yearling boar, first prize; senior under year boar, first and second prize; junior under year boar, first prize; aged sow, 19th and 20th prizes; senior yearling sow, second and fourth prizes; junior yearling sow, second prize; senior under year sow, first and fifth prizes; junior under year sow, seventh prize. At the same exposition the championships were: Champion boar under year, first and reserve; champion sow under one year, first prize; champion sow, any age, first prize; get of one sire, four animals, first and fifth prizes; four animals, produce of one sow, first prize; boar and three sows over one year, first prize; boar and sow under one year, first prize; best showing of Chester-White swine in class ring, first prize; best showing of Chester-White bred by exhibitor, first prize; boar and three sows, one year and over, bred by exhibitor, first \$200 prize; champion fat barren, one year and under, two first prizes; champion barren, any age, first prize.

In addition to hog raising the firm engaged in general farming, and they feed, buy and sell cattle, horses and mules, also raise seed corn. They keep all kinds of machinery necessary for their work and include in their possession a full complement of carpenter and blacksmith tools so that they can make most of their own repairs. They also operate a sawmill on one corner of the farm. A large, handsome modern home is surrounded by all the necessary buildings, which are made use of in the conduct of such extensive business operations.

FRANKLIN PIERCE HARDIN, the senior member of the well-known firm of F. P. & J. J. Hardin, was born February 16, 1865, in Allen County, a half mile east of South Warsaw, and is a son of John and Elizabeth (Jacobs) Hardin.

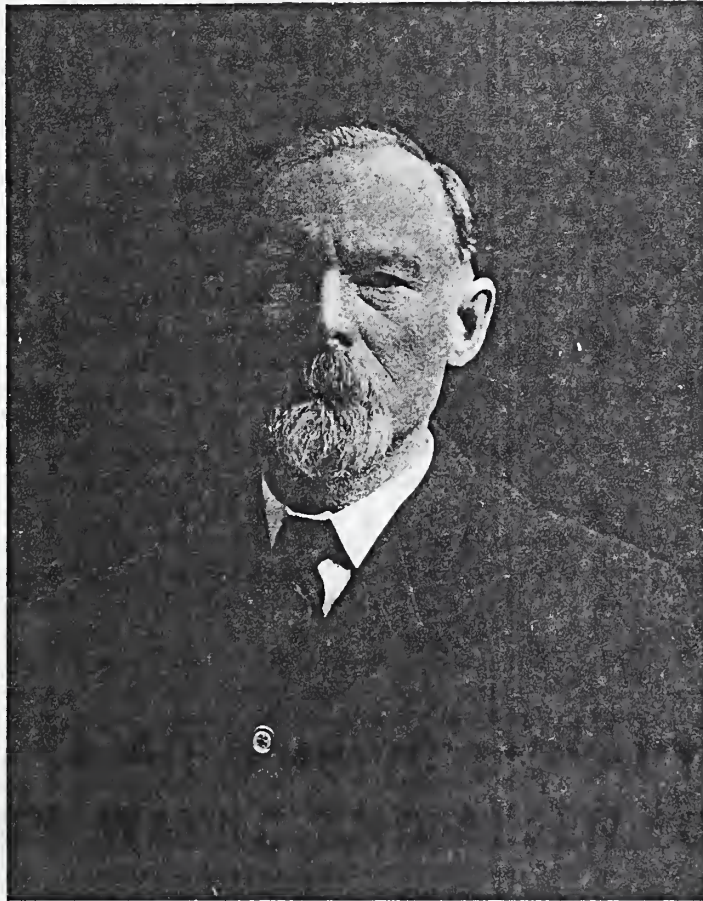
Jesse Hardin, the grandfather, was born in

Pennsylvania, and was a son of John Hardin, who also was a native of the Keystone State, and moved with his family to Ohio, first settling in Knox County, but locating in 1837 with the pioneers in Auglaize County. Jesse Hardin married Mary Brentlinger, a native of Ohio, and a daughter of Daniel Brentlinger, also a pioneer in Auglaize County. They had the following children: John, Martha, Louisa, Martin, Catherine, Joseph, all deceased; Lucinda, wife of S. D. Focht; Anna, deceased, who was the wife of Joseph H. Lusk, also deceased; Frank P., of Union township, Auglaize County; Melissa, deceased; and Marietta, wife of Dr. Peter Van Trump.

John Hardin, father of Franklin P., was born January 31, 1840, in Auglaize County, was educated in the common schools and remained at home until the age of 23, when he was married on September 14, 1863, to Elizabeth Jacobs. She was a daughter of Cadwalader and Sallie (Lepley) Jacobs. They had the following children: Franklin P.; James J.; Willett L., who is taking up coal leases for the Symmes Creek Coal Company; Eli B., of Lima; Baxter S., who was drowned July 19, 1902, while on a fishing excursion in British Columbia; Charles S., who died in infancy; and Mary Sally, who died September 7, 1900.

In 1863 John Hardin settled in section 26, Perry township, and five years later moved to section 35. He cleared and improved the larger part of this farm and resided upon it until 1894, when he went to California for a year, returning to Ohio in 1895 and settling at Lima, where he died August 20, 1900. In 1880 he embarked in the lumber business. After the discovery of oil and the necessity for oil machinery arose, he engaged in the manufacture of sucker rods until 1894. His sons, who compose the Hardin firm, still continue the business. Prior to this, in 1881, he engaged in the drain tile business with G. Jennings and D. L. Umbaugh. In 1890 he bought out his partners, and in 1896 he was in partnership with J. A. Jacobs, a brother-in-law, in the Lima Coal & Sewer Pipe Company, and still later he was interested in the sale of farm implements, carriages and wagons, continuing an





ROBERT HILL





active business man until his death. In politics he was a Democrat and on several occasions he served in township offices.

Franklin P. Hardin was three years of age when his parents came to the present farm in section 35, Perry township, on the Auglaize County line, on which he has resided for 37 years. His education was acquired in the local schools and all his interests have centered around this farm and its many possibilities. In 1890 the father formed the firm of John Hardin & Sons and in all his enterprises the sons assisted. After the father gave up his lumber interests, Franklin P. and James J. continued the business until 1901. Since 1901 his time has been mostly devoted to promoting the farming and hog interests of the firm of F. P. & J. J. Hardin, mentioned above.

On November 1, 1894, Mr. Hardin was married to Belle Bowyer, who was born in Auglaize township, Allen County, Ohio, June 21, 1867, and is a daughter of Henry and Emeline (Eastman) Bowyer. Her father was a son of Madison and Rachel (Largent) Bowyer. Four children have been born to this marriage, namely: Celila Lawrie, born March 6, 1896; Roena Ilo, born June 7, 1898; Avis Anil, born September 24, 1900; and Milba Hale, born January 1, 1904. Politically, Mr. Hardin is a Democrat.

As the above record has told, both Mr. and Mrs. Hardin belong to old established families of this section. Mr. Hardin is proud of these ancestral lines, as he has reason to be, and he has in his possession two pictures which will doubtless be highly valued by his descendants. These may be termed four-generation groups and those presented on one picture are his grandmother, Mrs. Mary Bentlinger Hardin, his father, John Hardin, himself and a daughter. The other, more interesting, represents Mrs. Hardin, her mother, Mrs. Emeline (Eastman) Bowyer, her grandmother, Mrs. Rachel Bowyer, and her own two daughters, besides all those in the first group and the mother of our subject. There are many families who would consider these priceless treasures had their ancestors been thoughtful enough to preserve family pictures in this way.

**R**OBERT HILL, one of Lima's retired citizens, who for 22 years was one of her most active business men, was born in 1840 in Columbiana County, Ohio, and is a son of John Hill.

The father of Mr. Hill was born in Pennsylvania. In addition to farming he worked at the shoemaker's trade, and, being a natural mechanic, was able to turn his hand to almost anything. He lived for a time in Ohio, but later returned to Pennsylvania and died there. Our subject has one sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Standiford, widow of John F. Standiford, who is a resident of Perry township, Allen County.

Robert Hill was reared and educated in Columbiana County, Ohio, and Beaver County, Pennsylvania. In 1859 he visited Owen County, Indiana, for a short time, coming to Lima in the spring of 1860. At the opening of the Civil War, in 1861, he enlisted in Company E, Colonel Martin's Independent Rifles, which went to Missouri, being in the Army of Gen. John C. Fremont. Later the organization became Company E, First Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf., which participated in the battles of Pittsburg Landing and Corinth. It participated in the campaign from Chattanooga to Atlanta, and Mr. Hill's time of enlistment expired just after the fall of the latter city, his honorable discharge being given at East Point, Georgia.

After the close of his army service, Mr. Hill returned to Lima and soon engaged in farming and stockraising, in which lines he continued until 1872, when he located in Lima. For several succeeding years he hauled straw for the Lima Paper Company, and for 22 years was in the house-moving business. He also served one term as street commissioner. For the past few years he has devoted his time to the superintendence of his investments and to the general enjoyment of life made possible by his long previous years of industry.

In 1867 Mr. Hill was married to Lavina Crossley, who is a daughter of Ross Crossley, one of the early pioneers of Allen County. Mr. and Mrs. Hill have four children, viz: Annabel, who is a clerk in R. T. Gregg & Company's store in Lima; Pheba Gertrude; Charles C.; and Araminta May, who is the wife of Floyd





Patton, of Lima. Mr. Hill belongs to Mart Armstrong Post, No. 202, G. A. R., of Lima. His portrait accompanies this sketch.

**A.** MOORE, retired merchant of Lima, and for many years one of its leading men of business, was born in Butler County, Ohio, a son of one of the early pioneers of this section.

Mr. Moore was a babe in arms when his parents came to Lima and he lived near this city until about seven years of age, when the family removal was made to Warren County. From the public schools he entered Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware and thus secured an excellent training for business. His earliest inclinations turned to merchandising and his first independent work was as a clerk in a grocery house in Cincinnati, where his salary was on the basis of \$75 per annum. His industry and intelligent interest in the affairs of his employer soon advanced him, and by the time he was 18 years of age he was invited into partnership with M. C. Adams, of Eaton, Ohio, in a wholesale and retail grocery business. The firm of Moore & Adams established a store on Court street, Cincinnati, and during the first year did a business of \$68,000. At the end, Mr. Adams offered Mr. Moore a good bonus to sell to him, which was accepted and Mr. Moore went to Cambridge City, Indiana, where he engaged as clerk in a dry goods business for two years.

After a short time Mr. Moore returned to Lima where his early childhood had been spent, secured a partner and went into the retail grocery business under the firm name of Moore & Lisle, which continued three years. Then our subject turned his attention to dry goods and established himself in business on the Public Square, Lima, where for 19 years he was one of the leading dry goods merchants.

Since retiring from active business life, Mr. Moore has enjoyed the recreation of travel, and with his family, has visited most of the interesting points in the United States. He has large real estate investments which require

attention, though they do not absorb his time to such an extent as to preclude such enjoyment as ample means makes possible.

In 1856 Mr. Moore was married to Emaline Underwood, of Allen County, and by this union there were four children, the only one surviving being Eva, wife of Walter S. McNairy, of Lima. Mrs. Moore died in 1866. In 1868 Mr. Moore was united to E. Matilda Jacobs, a daughter of Thomas K. Jacobs, an old pioneer of this county. The following children were the fruit of this marriage, viz.: T. K., a physician, of Akron, Ohio; E. K., of Lima; Annie, who has been a successful teacher in Chicago; W. Cloyd, in the office of the Chicago & Erie Railroad Company at Chicago; and H. Stewart, of Lima. Mr. Moore has long been a member of Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, of Lima. His business methods have given him a high standing in the business world, and he has constantly shown his public spirit in the promotion of various civic movements looking to the public welfare.

**J.** OHN E. PATTERSON, general merchant, at Beaver Dam, was born in Bath township, Allen County, Ohio, March 13, 1873, and is a son of John and Elizabeth (Driver) Patterson.

John Patterson, father of J. E. Patterson, was a native of Allen County. He was a farmer and for some years operated a threshing machine. In 1873 he moved with his family to Nevada, and then returned to Ohio, settled on a farm and died in 1885, aged 45 years. He married Elizabeth Driver, who died at Lima, aged 65 years. She was born in Virginia. Their children were: Mary Jane, born in 1861, deceased in 1871; Emma C., born July 26, 1867, deceased December 28, 1871; Samuel, born June 5, 1870, deceased January 14, 1872—all three children victims of an epidemic of diphtheria; John E., our subject; Hallie (Mound), of Lima, born October 22, 1876; and Franklin D., born September 11, 1879, deceased January 10, 1881.


John E. Patterson was a babe when his



parents moved to Nevada and was two years old when they settled on a farm near Lima. He attended the country schools until he was eight years old, when his father moved to Lima, where he died when John E. was a lad of 12 years. The death of the father made changes in the family, and our subject came to Beaver Dam and worked for a cousin until he was 19 years old, and as opportunity offered attended school, passing one term at the Ohio Normal University at Ada. Then he taught one term and for some years following he was variously employed, working in a sawmill, clerking for one year and then went on the Lake Erie & Western Railroad for three years, after which he bought a grocery, which he conducted for two years, and then farmed for three years. In 1902 Mr. Patterson embarked in his present general mercantile business, one in which he has met with success.

In 1893 Mr. Patterson was married to Mina Criblez, who was born in Allen County and is a daughter of Samuel and Lucy (Curtis) Criblez, natives of Ohio. The Criblez family originated in France, in which country Mrs. Patterson's grandparents were born. Mr. and Mrs. Patterson have twin daughters, Della and Nellie, who were born March 24, 1894.

Politically Mr. Patterson is identified with the Republican party. He is one of Beaver Dam's intelligent and enterprising men and is a member of the Board of Education of the village. He belongs to the Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America.

ONSTANTINE SCHERGER, a well-known business citizen of Delphos, the head of the firm of C. Scherger & Sons, marble dealers and monument workers, was born October 1, 1842, in Germany, and is a son of Anton and Josephine Scherger.

The parents of Mr. Scherger were both born in Germany. In 1845 they came to America and settled first in Seneca County, Ohio, where the father followed agricultural pursuits for a number of years. The death of the mother at the age of 37 years, in 1851, was

occasioned by her accidentally falling into a well. Anton Scherger died in 1875 aged 73 years. Both were consistent members of the Catholic Church. Their four children were: A child that died in infancy; Anton, who lives on the old homestead; Constantine, the subject of this sketch; and John, who died at Delphos January 10, 1902. The last named was born in 1847 in Seneca County, Ohio, learned the blacksmithing business at which he worked for two years at Delphos, and then formed a partnership with William Hankins, with whom he continued in business for four years. John Scherger then bought his partner's interest and continued until 1875, when he entered into partnership with his brother Constantine in the marble business. In 1880 he began building wagons, carriages and buggies and continued in the manufacture of all kinds of vehicles for over 10 years. After 1890 he did a large amount of repair work. In 1887 he built a two-story brick business house on Main street, Delphos, which was burned on July 4, 1891; but he rebuilt and in the same summer his property was a second time destroyed by fire. John Scherger was married in 1872 to Eva Sorg, daughter of Peter Sorg, of Seneca, Ohio, and they had a family of 10 children. He was a member of the Church of St. John the Evangelist at Delphos. A self-made man, he was one who commanded the respect of all who knew him.

Constantine Scherger remained at home until 1858, and then spent a year in Hancock County, Ohio, after which he entered into a two-years' apprenticeship to the wagon-making trade at Tremont, Sandusky County, Ohio. After completing this, he worked for a short time at Lima and then located at Delphos, where he worked for a year prior to his enlistment in the Union Army. On June 28, 1862, he enlisted in Company A, 99th Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf., and remained in the service until the close of the war, being mustered out at Nashville, Tennessee, in June, 1865. After four months' service with the 99th Ohio, he became a member of the engineer corps of General Rosecrans' command and did duty in that branch of the service during the remainder of the war.







After his return to peaceful pursuits, Mr. Scherger spent a month in his old home in Seneca County and then went to work with Samuel Stuter & Son, his previous employers. He remained with that firm for about one year, for three months of that time being in partnership with them, and then began the wagon-making business for himself at Delphos. He continued in this business for four years and then spent two years farming for his brother in Van Wert County; but failing health brought him back to Delphos. Here he was given the position of foreman in Kollsmith's wood-working shop, but ere long he found his health would not stand this strain. About 1874, he associated with his late brother, John Scherger, in purchasing the marble shop of James Tolan; they remained together about two years, and then our subject bought his brother's interest and continued in the business by himself. It was commenced in a small way, but through Mr. Scherger's industry and ability it continued to grow from year to year until at the present writing (1905) he has the largest marble works in Delphos and one of the largest in Allen or Van Wert County. Formerly he also owned a shop in Ottawa; but that he sold; he still maintains a branch of his business at Defiance. Mr. Scherger gives constant employment to six skilled workmen, keeps three salesmen on the road and sells his work over a very large territory, covering the greater part of several counties in every direction. The present firm name was adopted on January 1, 1892, when our subject's son, John A. Scherger, became a member of the firm. On January 1, 1905, two other sons, Barney T. and Joseph, became active partners. The firm of C. Scherger & Sons, therefore, is made up of Constantine Scherger, John A. Scherger, Barney T. Scherger and Joseph Scherger. The business is conducted as the Delphos Marble & Granite Works, dealers in all kinds of marble and granite monuments. Their shops are well equipped with all necessary machinery of a modern kind and all their lettering, tracing and carving is done with pneumatic tools. The head of the firm may be said to have practically retired from the business after his long years of continuous activity.

In 1868 Mr. Scherger was married to Fannie Fischer, who was born in Huron County, Ohio, and was a daughter of Saffron Fischer. Her death occurred February 10, 1883. She was the mother of nine children, the survivors being: John A., Barney T., Theresa, Anna and William. On April 22, 1884, Mr. Scherger was married to Mrs. Mary (Dolt) Suever, who was the widow of Frank Suever and a daughter of Joseph Dolt, who was one of the old pioneer settlers and respected citizens of Delphos. To Mr. and Mrs. Scherger were born these children: Joseph, Leo, Ida and Anthony. The parents and all the children are members of the Church of St. John the Evangelist at Delphos.

Mr. Scherger has taken an active part in public and political matters at Delphos and has been more or less a leader in the Democratic party. He has been a member of the City Council for a number of terms, where he is valued for his excellent judgment. In all his decisions he has the welfare of the city at heart. He has served also in other offices of responsibility, one of these being that of city treasurer, to which he was appointed. He can look back over a long and successful business life; one which has brought him material prosperity and has added to the prestige of Delphos as a commercial center.

JOHN A. SCHERGER, the eldest of our subject's sons, was born August 6, 1869, at Delphos. He was reared here and was educated in the parochial schools and in both the German and English departments of the public schools. He was 17 years old when he entered his father's marble shop and he has continued in the business ever since, being at present general supervisor of the work. He understands the selling and the mounting of monuments and looks after that department, besides having general charge of the clerical work.

On August 9, 1892, John A. Scherger was married to Agnes Weible, daughter of Henry and Mary Weible, the former of whom was county commissioner and a member of the Board of Public Works in Van Wert County for 40 years. Mrs. Scherger died May 19, 1893, after the birth of twin sons, Constantine and Henry, named for their grandfathers. The



former lives with his grandfather Scherger. The latter died August 27, 1893. In 1897 Mr. Scherger married, for his second wife, Mary G. Goebel, a daughter of John Goebel, and they have two daughters—Leona and Ruth. Mr. Scherger and family reside in a very handsome home on West Fifth street, Delphos. Fraternally, he belongs to the Knights of Columbus, Catholic Knights of America and Catholic Knights of Ohio. He is a member of the Delphos volunteer fire department, and is now serving his third term of city councilman.

BARNEY T. SCHERGER was born March 8, 1871, in Delphos, and was educated in the parochial and public schools. At the age of 19 he learned the trade of marble worker. On October 22, 1892, he was married to Lizzie Behm and they have had two children—Elmer (deceased) and Erwin.

In 1894 he took charge of the firm's marble business at Ottawa, Ohio, where he remained ten years and six months. He then returned to Delphos as a resident partner of the firm. He belongs to the Knights of St. John and Catholic Knights of Ohio, and, like his brother, is a member of the Delphos volunteer fire department.

**G**N. ZETLITZ, an esteemed resident of Lima, has won a high reputation as a florist, not only in Allen County but throughout this section of the State. Mr. Zetlitz was born in 1856 in Norway, and has been accustomed to the care of plants since his childhood. Coming to America when a young man, he first secured a position in Toledo, Ohio, as florist at the State Asylum for the Insane, remaining there two years. After some time spent in Toledo, Tiffin and Bryan, Ohio, he came to Lima where, in 1898, he purchased the greenhouses and business of Swan Brothers, which he has since conducted. Having devoted 33 years to this work, it was to be expected that he would succeed; but few people realized, at that time, the importance of the transfer, as Swan Brothers were then the leading florists of Lima. Mr. Zetlitz

soon produced flowers of such exquisite beauty and in such profusion that the attention of plant lovers was attracted to his greenhouses, and the number of his patrons was increased until to-day he has one of the leading greenhouses in this section of the State, his flowers finding a ready market in many distant cities. Some idea of the magnitude of the business may be formed when it is known that over 10,000 square feet of ground are under glass.

Mr. Zetlitz was married in Norway in 1880 to Emilie Berner, of that country. They have four children, Barghild, Randi, Rolf and Thor. The family stand high in the estimation of their neighbors, and are members of the First Evangelical Lutheran Church in which they are active workers. Mr. Zetlitz is a member of the Elks, the Maccabees and the Knights of Pythias, and commands the highest confidence of the general public.

**S**AMUEL A. POST, deceased, was a leading citizen of German township for many years, a substantial farmer and a representative man. Mr. Post was born November 22, 1856, and died March 24, 1899. His parents were L. H. and Elizabeth J. (Stewart) Post.

Mr. Post was reared on his father's farm and attended the local schools where he prepared for college, subsequently entering the Ohio Normal University at Ada. He spent but one term here on account of delicate health, returning to farm work, the out-door life suiting him better than the confinement of the school-room.

In 1880 Mr. Post was married to Sarah A. Crites, who is a daughter of Jacob and Emily Crites. Mrs. Post was born in German township and has passed her life in Allen County. Five children were born to this marriage, as follows: William Stewart, born October 19, 1881, who was married January 23, 1901, to Clara Carey, of Shawnee township, and has one child, Helen, born in January, 1902; Cora Ethel, born November 22, 1882, who was married to Alva Bendum, of German







township, August 8, 1902, and has one child, Ruth Evelyn, born December 2, 1903; Louis Crites, born November 10, 1884; Charles B., born December 8, 1888, and Clarence B., born December 7, 1892. The last three are at home and take all the responsibility of the farm work. They are capable young men, worthy representatives of their excellent father.

The death of Mr. Post occurred very suddenly. He was stricken with spinal meningitis and survived the attack but four days. He was laid to rest in the Allentown cemetery. He was the kind of man to be much missed, both in his household and in his neighborhood. Honest and upright in all his dealings with others, he secured friendship and esteem. He was intelligently interested in all public matters in his township and served for a long time as school director. In politics he was a Republican and at the time of his death was his party's candidate for township treasurer.

**T**HE J. M. SEALTS COMPANY, wholesale grocers, is one of the large and important business combinations of Lima. It was established in 1883 by the late J. M. Sealts, under his own name. In 1888 the firm name of J. M. Sealts & Company was adopted and in 1891 the company was incorporated with a capital stock of \$100,000, the corporation name being the present one. The first officers were as follows: J. M. Sealts, president; M. E. Sealts, vice-president, and C. T. Sealts, secretary and treasurer. J. M. Sealts died in the spring of 1904 and was succeeded as president by his brother, M. E. Sealts. The latter's death in December, 1904, made another change necessary, and since then Sturgis S. Sealts, son of the founder, has been president; M. M. Sealts is vice-president and C. T. Sealts is secretary and treasurer. It requires the assistance of three traveling men to handle the extensive business done by this company outside of Lima, while their local connections are large and valuable.

The late J. M. Sealts was born in Knox County, Ohio. He removed to Mansfield, Ohio, in 1878, and became a member of the grocery firm of Bissman & Sealts. In 1883 he sold out to his partner and came to Lima, where he established, as above mentioned, the grocery business of J. M. Sealts. Until his death, 21 years later, he was one of Lima's upright, honorable business men and prominent citizens, taking a part in her business life and promoting her best interests in every way.

In Sturgis S. Sealts, who is now president, the company has also an able man at the helm. He was born in Knox County, Ohio, in 1868, and was reared and educated at Mansfield. Almost his whole life has been associated with the wholesale grocery business, as he was only 15 years old when he first became so connected. He has an intimate knowledge of the business along all lines. He was for 12 years one of the firm's representatives on the road. In 1904 he was married to Louise Black, a daughter of Thomas Black. Mr. Sealts belongs to the United Commercial Travelers' Association.

**J**OHAN R. MARSHALL, the proprietor of "White Haven Farm," is a representative agriculturist of Monroe township. He was born near Poland, in Mahoning County, Ohio, February 22, 1851, and has been a resident of Allen County since the autumn of that year, his parents, Cyrus and Mary (Reed) Marshall, having located here at that time. His great-grandfather was born in County Down, Ireland, and was of Scotch descent. He emigrated to Pennsylvania, where James Marshall, the grandfather of our subject, was born. The remainder of his life was spent in Lawrence and Beaver counties as a large farmer and stock-raiser.

Cyrus Marshall, father of John R. Marshall, was born near Mount Jackson, Lawrence County, Pennsylvania, June 22, 1826, and remained there until after his marriage. His wife, Mary Reed, was a daughter of Samuel and Margaret Reed and was born in Mahoning County, Ohio, December 24, 1826. After





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marriage, they resided in Mahoning County about one year, and then, in the fall of 1851, came by wagon to Allen County and took up their residence in a small log house in the timber. Here Mr. Marshall entered land which he cleared and turned his attention to the tilling of his soil and to stock-raising. He was successful and had accumulated, at the time of his death in 1891, about 500 acres of land by his own industry and good management. He left a widow, who still resides on the homestead first entered here, and two sons—John R. and Albert H., who lives in Richland township. Cyrus Marshall was a man of upright character who strove always to attain the high standard of living which was his ideal. He was quiet and domestic in his taste, finding his greatest enjoyment at his own fireside and in his labors for his church, which lost one of its strongest members when he was called to the life beyond.

John R. Marshall has passed his entire life in Richland and Monroe townships, where he has devoted his time and attention to farming and more particularly to stock-raising and feeding. He remained with his parents until his marriage when he moved to his present farm, which consists of 270 acres, located in section 13, Monroe township and in section 18, Richland township. Like his father and grandfather before him, Mr. Marshall is engaged in breeding stock and also buys large numbers which he feeds, in addition to those raised on the place. He makes a specialty of Delaine sheep. Mr. Marshall has been prominently identified with many of the leading interests of his township and is always ready to aid when the best interests of the community demand his services. He has been a director in the Commercial Bank & Savings Company of Bluffton since its organization; was school director for many years and for the past four years has served as township trustee.

On December 24, 1874, Mr. Marshall was married to Ida Irene Boyer, who was born on the adjoining farm August 4, 1854, and is a daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Lippincott) Boyer, formerly prominent residents of Lima. The mother was born in Champaign County,

Ohio, in 1816, and the father was born near Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, in 1811. Mr. Boyer was one of the earliest settlers of Lima, coming on foot to that place when it was yet a village and there opening a tailor-shop—the first to be established in the village. Later he moved to a farm in Monroe township where he and his wife resided when the final summons called them to the higher life. To Mr. and Mrs. Marshall six children have been born, namely: Earl, who died at the age of 18 years; Lois, wife of J. O. Cupp, of Monroe township; Mary, wife of J. C. Begg, of Monroe township; and Elnora, John Harold and Herbert B., who reside at home. Mr. Marshall is a Republican. He is a devout member of the Presbyterian Church of Rockport and has served as elder for 30 years.



LONZO SMITH BOWER, whose portrait is shown on the opposite page, conducts the leading bakery and confectionery of Lima. He was born at Piqua, Ohio, in October, 1855, and is a son of Robert Bower, who died in this city December 3, 1903, in the 81st year of his age. Robert Bower came to Allen County when he was a lad of 12 years, about 1835, and from that year, with the exception of eight years spent in Piqua, was a resident of Lima until the time of his death. He first learned the trade of a saddle-maker and followed it for several years, part of the time at Delphos. Later he engaged in the manufacture of carriages, and in 1858 established a shop in Lima, which he conducted until his permanent retirement from active business.

A. S. Bower has been a resident of Lima since his third year. He attended the public schools and worked in his father's carriage shop during his boyhood. At the age of 20 he secured work with Mr. Heffner, who conducted a bakery, and finding the employment to his liking, continued in his service until 1884, when he opened a small establishment himself. He has succeeded beyond his expectations, and now has the finest bakery and confectionery in Lima,



making a specialty of superior ice cream and producing about 1,800 loaves of bread daily, his "Nox-em-al" brand being the local favorite. He has been in his present location about 18 years and is one of the substantial citizens of Lima. Mr. Bower is a stockholder in The East Iron & Machine Company, and has other business interests here.

In 1881 Mr. Bower was joined in marriage to Clara Bowyer, a daughter of Madison L. Bowyer, a venerable and esteemed citizen of German township. Mr. Bowyer still owns the land which his father entered from the government in 1829, when his son, Madison, was a child of four years. Mr. and Mrs. Bower have three children, viz: Robert Sidney, who is associated with his father in business; and Helen and Ruth, both at home. Mr. Bower and his wife are members and active workers of the First Congregational Church, he himself being a trustee of the church, while Mrs. Bower has served as president of the Ladies' Circle for the past four years. Fraternally, he is a Royal Arch Mason and a past chancellor of the Knights of Pythias.

**E**DWARD J. FORD, a worthy representative of one of the old pioneer families of Allen County, resides on a well-developed farm of 93 acres in section 34, Marion township, on the east side of the Auglaize River, situated on the Lima turnpike and the Delphos road. Mr. Ford was born December 19, 1853, near Urbana, on his father's pioneer farm in Champaign County, Ohio, and is a son of Joseph and Isabella (Moore) Ford.

Joseph Ford, the venerable father of our subject, who had his 89th birthday on September 17, 1905, was born on a farm situated one and a half miles southeast of Urbana. Champaign County, Ohio, and is a son of Joseph and Catherine (Snell) Ford.

Joseph Ford, the grandfather of Edwin J. Ford, was born March 4, 1781, near Hagerstown, Maryland, where he lived in peace and plenty on his lands after the close of the Revolu-

tionary War. On April 12, 1803, he married Catherine Snell, who was a daughter of Samuel Snell. She was born May 4, 1781. After marriage, Joseph and Catherine Ford joined the army of pioneers who sought homes in Kentucky, but soon left the rich valleys there, which then were overrun with Indians, and came to the more peaceful settlements in Ohio. Grandfather Ford located in Champaign County, which then, with the exception of scattered clearings, was a dense forest, and cleared a farm situated four miles from Urbana. He was also an old-time teamster and engaged in hauling freight between Cincinnati and Dayton, Ohio, and likewise did teaming for General Wayne's army. The children born to Joseph and Catherine Ford were: Sarah, James, Christiana, Nancy, John Harrison, Joseph, William, Mary and a babe which died in infancy. For 18 consecutive years Joseph Ford served as a justice of the peace and he also was captain of a rifle company. He owned a fine farm of 134 acres in the vicinity of Urbana. He died in Champaign County at the age of 72 years. He was a life-long member of the Methodist Protestant Church, and for many years was a deacon. His wife was equally devoted to this denomination.

Joseph Ford, father of our subject, the seventh child of his parents family, is the only survivor, and what a vast gulf of history his long life has covered! He was educated in the primitive subscription schools, the sessions of which were held in little log cabins, with none of the luxurious surroundings which the modern child expects both at home and at school. However, these early schools taught thoroughly the elemental principles and turned out able men and women. Mr. Ford, like his father, began to assist in teaming when but a strippling, easily managing the four and six-horse teams which were attached to the immense freight wagons. He recalls one of his early trips which took him through Allen County, when the present flourishing little city of Lima was erecting its first log cabin in the woods. He continued to follow teaming until 1843 and then entered into general farming. In 1844 he married and continued to live in Champaign







County until 1854, and then removed to Allen County, settling on a tract of 160 acres, right in the woods, which he had purchased in 1849, the land being situated in a desirable part of Marion township. This farm he cleared from the forest and increased its acreage to 200 acres. In his efforts he was assisted by his admirable wife whose frugality and excellent management provided a cheerful, happy home, in which a family of worthy children were reared to respected and useful maturity.

On January 5, 1844, Joseph Ford was married to Isabella Moore, who was a daughter of Maj. Thomas and Martha (Dodson) Moore. Major Moore, who was an early settler, in Kentucky and a farmer, drover, teamster and soldier, obtained his title in the War of 1812. He was surrendered with the garrison at Detroit by Gen. William Hull, having cut his way through 200 miles of forest to Detroit from Urbana. Major Moore was the first man to plant an orchard in his county. He was twice married. His first wife was a Miss McConkle, and five children were born to the union. The second marriage was to Martha Dodson, and the following children were born to this marriage: Jesse, Samuel, William, Isabella and Martha J. The death of Major Moore occurred during one of his teaming trips, his lifeless body being found in his wagon. He was 50 years of age.

The children of Joseph Ford and wife were: Dora, deceased, who was the wife of Irenus Stooky; John C., a farmer of Marion township, who is also in the stone business; Mary, deceased, who was the wife of Edward Tucker; Anna, the wife of Henry Boroff, of Hardin County, Ohio; Thomas, deceased; Edward J., of Marion township; Frances, deceased, who was the wife of Sheldon Sarber; Alice, the wife of Rev. George W. Mell, pastor of the Christian Church at Delphos; Maly, a farmer on the old homestead, who married Emily Lee; and Ollie, who married Charles Morgan and resides on the homestead. The mother of the above mentioned children, full of years and possessed of all the Christian virtues, passed away in the old home in section 2, Marion township, on January 13, 1902. Since

1885 Mr. Ford has lived retired. He has always been identified with the Democratic party and for a number of his active years served as township trustee. His venerable age causes him to find the larger part of his enjoyment in the associations of the home and hearthstone, and he still deeply mourns the loss which bereaved him of his companion of so many happy years. He is held in the highest respect and greatest esteem by the residents of Marion township.

Edward J. Ford, our immediate subject, was only three months old when his parents came to Allen County and settled on the farm, in section 2, Marion township. Mr. Ford was reared on the farm where the summer seasons were filled with agricultural labor, while the winters were given over to attending school. About two years after his marriage, in association with his brother, John C. Ford, he opened up a stone quarry business in section 9, Marion township, and was interested in this business for four years. Then he started in business alone on his own farm. Following his marriage, he located on a tract of 35 acres of land which had been partially improved and cultivated, and later he came to his present productive farm, settling here in March, 1889. He carries on general farming in connection with his stone business, having ditched and tiled his land and improved it with excellent buildings. Much of his time, however, is still demanded by his stone interests. The capacity of his stone-crusher is from 50 to 60 yards a day, the average product being the former quantity, and sales are made all over the county. He is a member of the township School Board and is one of the directors of the beautiful Walnut Grove Cemetery. Fraternally he is a Knight of Pythias.

In January, 1880, Mr. Ford was married to Lovina Phillips, who is a daughter of Isaac and Polly (Crites) Phillips. The former was born in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, and was a son of Daniel Phillips, who moved to Ohio at a very early day and settled near Dayton for a short period and then removed to Fairfield County. There he bought 80 acres of land and spent the rest of his life upon it. He



reared seven sons and five daughters. The father of Mrs. Ford learned the blacksmith's trade in Fairfield County. In 1855 he moved to Allen County and settled on a farm in Marion township, one mile east and south of Mr. Ford's place. He remained on this farm in section 3 for a number of years. His wife died some years before he was accidentally killed by a train on the P., Ft. W. & C. Railway, at Scott's Crossing.

**D**ON CARLOS HENDERSON, an attorney of the Allen County Bar, was born at Tranquility, Adams County, Ohio, February 13, 1862. He is a son of Dr. James Kyle and Susanna Henderson, who now reside at Weston, Ohio. Dr. James Kyle Henderson, now of the age of 82 years, is a graduate of the New York College of Medicine, and for many years was one of the leading physicians of Western Pennsylvania and Eastern Ohio.

Don Carlos Henderson attended the public schools at Bucyrus, Ohio, and completed his course of studies at the Ohio Normal University in the year 1887, at which time he received the degree of A. B. The year following he attended college at Delaware, Ohio, and later studied law, completing his course of reading in the office of Hon. Moses A. Hoagland, of Lima, and being admitted to the bar in October, 1889. After admission to the bar, he began practice with Mr. Hoagland as the junior member of the firm of Hoagland & Henderson. This partnership continued for a period of one year, and since that time Mr. Henderson has practiced alone.

On the 14th of May, 1892, Mr. Henderson was united in marriage to Minnie W. Kahle, a daughter of Frederick and Isabelle Kahle, both of whom are still living, and reside at Franklin, Pennsylvania. Mr. Kahle was one of the early operators of the Pennsylvania oil field. Two children, Dudley Kahle Henderson, aged 12, and Marjorie Isabelle Henderson, aged 11, have been born of this marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Henderson are members of the Market Street Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Henderson was elected city solicitor in the spring of 1897 for a period of two years and was reelected in the spring of 1899. From the beginning of his business career he has been recognized as one of the leaders in city and county affairs, and has been active in local and State politics. He is an untiring worker, and, to his great credit, is one of those who believe that his chosen profession should receive his undivided time and energies. Mr. Henderson is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, Ancient Order of Essenees and Royal Arcanum. While yet young in years, he is prominent in his profession, and in the social and business-interests of the community.

**T**HOMAS S. HANTHORN, one of the good citizens of Bath township, where he is a very large land-owner and has the reputation of raising and handling the best draft horses put upon the market, is also a survivor of the Civil War, having given three years and more of his young manhood to the defense of his country. Mr. Hanthorn was born December 17, 1845, in Perry township, Allen County, Ohio, and is a son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Hardesty) Hanthorn.

The grandfather was George Hanthorn, who was probably of Irish birth and parentage. He was a very early pioneer in Perry County, Ohio. Thomas Hanthorn, the father, was born March 17, 1810, in Perry County, Ohio, and was still a youth when his parents moved to Allen County. His first purchase of land was a tract of 40 acres, the same on which a portion of the city of Lima now stands. He subsequently owned 200 acres, and spent his whole life here with the exception of eight years, during which he lived in Branch County, Michigan. He died at the age of 68 years. He was one of the early organizers of the First Baptist Church, at Lima. He married twice; first, Myrea Daniels, who lived but two years; in 1840 he married Mrs. Elizabeth (Hardesty)





Colvin, who was born May 29, 1814, on the way between Connecticut and Ohio, when her parents, Henry and Elizabeth Hardesty, were making their pioneer journey hither. She was reared in Allen County near Westminster, married (first) William R. Colvin, and died May 1, 1893.

The children of Thomas and Elizabeth Hanthorn were: Nancy Caroline, who died young; Elizabeth, wife of Daniel Rowlands, of Lima; James Milton, born in 1843, who died aged three years; Thomas S., of this sketch; Frances Emeline, wife of John Crumrine, of Lima; George L., born in 1850, who died in Nebraska in 1895; Sarah Alice, wife of James Frost, of Lima; Howard and Harmon (twins), the latter is deceased, the former a resident of Fort Wayne, Indiana; and Viola Bell, wife of James McGuire, of Lima.

Thomas S. Hanthorn remained at home until the opening of the Civil War. He then began preparations to enter the Union Army; in September, 1862, he enlisted in Company G, 12th Reg., Ohio Vol. Cav., under Captain Monroe, and during his long service of three years he participated in 24 engagements, including the battles of Mount Sterling, Kentucky, Saltville, Virginia, and Cumberland Gap, Maryland. For three months he was confined in the hospital at Knoxville, suffering with typhoid fever. He did not receive any injury in battle and on his return home resumed farming. In the following spring he accompanied his parents to Branch County, Michigan, and remained there for seven years, engaged in farming.

Upon his return to Perry township, Allen County, Mr. Hanthorn for some 16 years worked a sand-bank on the west side of the corporate limits of Lima, and with his numerous teams supplied almost all of the sand used for building purposes in the city. He then bought 55 acres which he later traded, and then purchased 182 acres north of Lima, on which are situated two excellent dwellings now occupied by his sons. He formerly owned town property and still retains as a homestead a farm of 156 acres, which is admirably improved, with two sets of farm buildings. Mr. Hanthorn

gives his attention entirely to dealing in horses now and lives with his grandson, who rents his farm.

Mr. Hanthorn was married on June 21, 1866, to Hester A. Shannon, who was born near Fremont, in Clark County, Ohio, September 7, 1847, and is a daughter of Isaac and Margaret (Hollinger) Shannon. They have three children, namely: Emma, who married O. J. Fields, of Lima, and has four children; William Henry, who has six children; and Rollie, who has two children. The two sons live on our subject's farms in Bath township.

Mr. Hanthorn has always been identified with the Republican party, but has never been very active politically; his other interests absorbing his time and attention. He is a good citizen and is always ready to lend a helping hand in movements for the public welfare.



ALTER C. BRADLEY, one of the leading business men of Lima, treasurer of the Lima Pork Packing Company, was born in Cayuga County, New York, in 1866, and is a son of Daniel Bradley.

Daniel Bradley was born at King's Ferry, New York, where his ancestors had been pioneer settlers. He still resides in Cayuga County, New York, where he is a large farmer and extensive stock dealer. Two of his brothers served in the Union Army during the Civil War.

Walter C. Bradley was reared in Cayuga County. He had good educational opportunities, being for a considerable period a student at the Sherwood select school, a private academy of note in that locality. When about 18 years of age he left school and taught through one year, after which he entered into the produce business, in the interest of a New York commission house. He also engaged in farming and did quite a successful business in the sale of agricultural implements. His financial success was sufficient to procure him the position of local manager for Swift & Company, of Chicago, when but 29 years old. He was



located first at the branch house at Springfield, Ohio, then spent a year at the branch house at Lima; the following year he was at Toledo; after a short time at Erie, Pennsylvania, he came back to the important branch house at Lima, and continued here as manager of Swift & Company's business for three years.

Then Mr. Bradley entered into business for himself, in association with B. F. Thomas, Ira P. Carnes, D. W. Leichty and A. R. Thomas, incorporators of the Lima Pork Packing Company, with a capital stock of \$20,000, which, in 1903, was increased to \$60,000. The officers of this company are: B. F. Thomas, president; Ira P. Carnes, vice-president; W. C. Bradley, treasurer, and D. W. Leichty, secretary. This board of officers has remained intact since the incorporation of the business. They moved from the old stand on North Elizabeth street, near the P., Ft. W. & C. Railway tracks to their present fine quarters on South Central street, occupying Nos. 215-217-219-221-223 where they do a general packing business, their specialty being the manufacture of all kinds of sausages. The company requires the assistance of two traveling men to cover Ohio territory; exclusive of these and the office force, they employ about 30 men. This business promises to be a strong competitor with the great pork packing concerns already in the field.

Mr. Bradley was married September 9, 1885, to A. Luella Price, who is a daughter of the late David Price, of New York. They have three children, viz.: David R., who is a graduate of the Lima public schools and the Lima Business College; Violet Luella; and Anna Maybel. The family belong to the Presbyterian Church, Mr. Bradley having been a member of this religious body since young manhood.

**J**OHAN B. SEVERNS, a farmer of section 28, Perry township, was born in Holmes County, Ohio, June 21, 1850. His parents were Simon and Catherine (Schaffer) Severns, the former of whom was born in Knox County, Ohio, October 13, 1820, and the latter, in Maryland, Sep-

tember 14, 1819. The paternal grandfather came from Virginia at an early day and settled in Ohio. In 1852 Simon Severns brought his family to Allen County and located on the farm now occupied by Jonathan McPherson, where they continued to reside during the remainder of their lives. He met his death April 2, 1879, by the explosion of a boiler at a sawmill, at which he had stopped for a moment while passing. His wife survived him many years, dying April 14, 1890. Their children were as follows: Samantha R. (Budd), of Colorado; Merriman, unmarried, who resides in Colorado; Sarah Ann, who died young; Llewellyn A., a resident of Van Wert, Ohio; John B.; Franklin P., who died in Van Wert County; and Stephen D., who died in early life.

John B. Severns was educated in the district schools of Perry township and remained at home until the death of his mother, when he went to Colorado. He learned the carpenter's trade and followed it for several years during early manhood, but finally abandoned it and turned his entire attention to agriculture. He remained in Colorado from September, 1890, until February, 1895, when he came back to Allen County and purchased his present farm.

Mr. Severns has been twice married; first, on September 4, 1879, to Sarah J. Hanthorn, a native of Perry township and a daughter of James A. Hanthorn. She died April 26, 1883, leaving two children: Roscoe, born July 21, 1880, and Florence R., born March 30, 1883, who married George W. McClain, a farmer of Perry township, and has two children—Viola P. and Lawrence S. On July 20, 1889, Mr. Severns was married to Hattie E. Cummings who was born in Auglaize township, Allen County, Ohio, January 3, 1867, and is a daughter of W. E. and Mary A. Cummings, pioneers of Perry township. Five children have blessed this union, namely: Hazel M., born May 13, 1890, in Perry township; Etta I., born June 19, 1891, in Colorado; Frances E., born April 26, 1893, in Colorado; Velma P., born July 9, 1895, who was born in Ohio; and Simon E., who was born in Ohio May 27, 1902. They are members of the Disciples' Church. Mr. Severns is a Democrat and has served the







township both as clerk and treasurer. He is a prominent Knight of Pythias, being a member of Uniopolis Lodge, No. 685.



WILFORD E. HEATH, mayor of Harrod, is one of the most capable and efficient officials that has ever presided over the affairs of that village, and has been equally successful

in looking after his bakery and confectionery business. Mr. Heath was born in Medina County, Ohio, February 18, 1863, and is a son of Thomas E. and Martha (Aldrich) Heath.

The paternal grandfather was a native of Vermont but of Scotch descent. He moved to Pennsylvania at an early day and secured 200 acres of land, which is now in the heart of the anthracite coal field. This land, together with all his property, was lost through his going bail for some merchants of Philadelphia; but no word of complaint was ever made by his noble wife, whose property was also swallowed up in the misfortune.

Thomas E. Heath was born February 20, 1820, in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, near Pottsville, and was eight years of age when his parents moved to Medina County, Ohio, where he lived until his death. He learned the trade of carpenter and became one of the most successful contractors in Medina County. He took an active interest in politics, was a staunch Republican and for several years served as constable. A member of the United Brethren Church, he was a man of noble principles and consistent deeds. His death in 1898 resulted from a stroke of paralysis and terminated an upright and useful life. His wife, Martha A. Aldrich, was born January 6, 1832, and was of Scotch-English origin, her immediate ancestors being Roswell and Eva Aldrich. She died at the age of 47 years, leaving three children: Leonard M., a farmer residing near Kenton, Ohio; Rosa, who married F. D. Marble and resides at Ravenna, Portage County, Ohio; and Wilford E. Mrs. Marble is the mother of four children, only two of whom are now living. Frank B. Marble, her son, graduated from the

Case School of Applied Science, Cleveland, Ohio, and then entered the service of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, being employed as an engineer in bettering the grades for the heavy freight traffic of that road. Later he accepted the position of chief engineer of the American Steel & Wire Company, and is still retained by them at a large salary. He married Loie Davis, of Cleveland, and their little daughter, Helen, is the youngest of four generations of Marbles. The family have a photograph of this group of four generations which is highly prized. Eva Marble, daughter of Mrs. F. D. Marble, lives at home and is an accomplished musician.

Wilford E. Heath remained at home until his 13th year when the death of his mother occurred, after which he made his home with his sister. He attended the schools of Medina County and also was a student in the schools of Bedford. Leaving school, he secured work in the hardware store of J. B. Haines, and for two years was not only the bookkeeper but a handy man in the store. The next three years were passed in the employ of the A. L. Shattuck Chair Company, after which he went to Galva, Illinois, and, in partnership with his cousin, engaged in the bakery business. The continued ill health of his father necessitated his return home, where he remained four years until his father's death, when he located at Harrod, Allen County. Erecting a suitable building, Mr. Heath opened a bakery, adding also a line of confectionery, patent medicines, tobacco and groceries. He has built up a good business and has endeavored to merit patronage by having everything of the best. His bakery is well equipped, all his mixing being done by machinery operated by steam power, and everything entering into the composition of his goods is the purest and cleanest that can be procured.

Mr. Heath is a Republican and has given his hearty support to the success of his ticket, whenever the men nominated were those whom he could conscientiously endorse. He believes in a clean administration and before being elected to the mayoralty, in 1903, he was one of the most energetic and efficient members of



the Council and of the School Board of Harrod.

Mr. Heath was married December 21, 1892, at Galesburg, Illinois, to Clara A. Frisinger, of Lima, Ohio. Mrs. Heath was born April 4, 1874, in Allen County, Ohio, and is one of 10 children—seven sisters and three brothers—born to Thomas and Hannah Frisinger. Mr. and Mrs. Heath have one daughter, Hazel A., born July 8, 1896. The family are members of the United Brethren Church, and have made many warm and enduring friendships since moving to Harrod. Mr. Heath is a member of LaFayette Lodge, No. 846, I. O. O. F., and of Lima Lodge, No. 91, K. of P.



E. RUDY, the veteran automobile dealer of Lima, was born in Allen County 38 years ago and has been a resident of the city of Lima for the past 15 years. Mr. Rudy established a new line of business for Lima when he opened his garage and entered into the sale of automobiles, bringing the first machine to this county. He carries, in addition, a complete line of bicycle sundries and a good line of bicycles.

Mr. Rudy grew to manhood in Allen County and enjoyed the advantage of a college education, having taken the scientific course in the Ohio Normal University at Ada, from which he was graduated. Two years of practical work in teaching followed, when he became a "knight of the grip" and for five years was salesman for a bicycle company, traveling over Ohio, Pennsylvania, and a part of New York in his Eastern territory, and through Kansas, Nebraska and Oklahoma in the West. In 1890 he settled in Lima and engaged in retailing automobiles and bicycles, his business growing to such an extent that it necessitated enlarged quarters, when he erected his garage, a large building 100 by 50 feet, which is located on Elizabeth street, near the Postoffice—a splendid site and a splendid business.

Mr. Rudy was married in 1892 to Anna Doolittle, of Pennsylvania, by whom he has

two bright children—Mildred and Marcus. Mr. Rudy is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church while his wife is a Presbyterian. He was a member of the Lima City Council for two years and is always ready to lend his hearty support to any movement of utilitarian import. Fraternally, he is connected with the Elks, the Red Men and the Odd Fellows.



H. ROGERS, a prominent attorney and one of the leading citizens of Lima, was born February 28, 1865, in Wirt County, West Virginia, and remained in that State until about 20 years of age. He is a son of the late Charles W. Rogers, and has fought life's battles single-handed, having worked his way through college to his present eminent position with an ardor that insured success. Mr. Rogers first secured employment in the lumber business but, having a desire to find more congenial employment and also to acquire an education, he entered the Ohio Normal, now the Ohio Northern, University, at Ada, Ohio, and was a close student for five years, graduating in 1891 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts.

Having been elected principal of the Franklin School, at Lima, he at once entered upon his duties, and for nine years was the capable and efficient executive who inspired both teachers and pupils to put forth their best efforts, and made the school one of the best in the State. During this period all his spare time and his summer vacations were devoted to reading law, and the same optimistic nature which overcame the obstacles in his college days now enabled him to disentangle the knotty points and master the intricacies of legal lore. He was admitted to the bar in October, 1897; but he continued to hold his position in the Lima schools until 1900 when, much to the regret of the patrons, he gave up school work and began the practice of the law.

He was first associated with D. C. Henderson, the firm of Henderson & Rogers continuing until 1902, when Mr. Rogers was elected mayor of Lima. He served in that capacity





one year, retiring when the new code, which was passed by the Ohio Legislature for the government of cities, went into effect. Since then Mr. Rogers has practiced law alone and has built up a large and lucrative practice, which places him among the leading attorneys of Allen County.

While engaged in school work, he was also one of the members of the City Board of School Examiners, and continues to take a deep interest in the schools and, indeed, in any question of import to the municipality. In 1902 Mr. Rogers was nominated by the Republican party for Representative in Congress from the Fourth Congressional District. Although the district was overwhelmingly Democratic, Mr. Rogers succeeded in greatly reducing the normal Democratic majority.

In 1892, our subject was married to Lucile E. Everett, daughter of the late M. A. Everett, of Trumbull County, Ohio. Four children have blessed their home, namely: Margaret, Everett Lewis, Josephine and William Addison. Mr. Rogers is quite prominent in fraternal circles, being past chancellor of Lima Lodge, No. 91, K. of P.; a member of Solar Lodge, No. 783, I. O. O. F.; D. O. K. K.; Woodmen of the World; and Lima Tent, No. 142, K. O. T. M.

**H**ON. ROBERT MEHAFFEY, who has been identified with the financial interests and public affairs of Allen County for many years, and has been a leader in educational and temperance work, was born August 23, 1833, in County Tyrone, Ireland, and is a son of James and Martha (Clark) Mehaffey, who spent their entire lives in Ireland, where James Mehaffey was a farmer. The parental family consisted of five sons and one daughter. Two of the sons, James and Robert, came to the United States.

Robert Mehaffey was reared on his father's farm until he was 13 years of age. Then the death of the mother broke up the family to some extent, and Robert left home and went up to London with a friend. In 1849 he took

the step which, in a great measure, settled his future career. Taking passage at Liverpool on the sailing vessel, "Albert Gallatin," he was landed at Philadelphia in December of that year. He had an uncle who was a farmer at Beaver Dam, Allen County, Ohio, and after many experiences by land and water and pauses at Wheeling, Cincinnati, and other points, he reached Lima, in February, 1850, and joined his uncle shortly afterward. He worked for his uncle and another farmer until April, 1852, when he located in the village of LaFayette, which has since continued to be his home.

Accepting a position in a store with an idea of only remaining long enough to earn sufficient capital to take him still further West, Mr. Mehaffey remained with that employer for seven years; but at one time during this period he actually started for California, going as far as Council Bluffs, Iowa; he turned back on account of the threatening activity of the Indians at that time. He bought a tract of 28 acres of land, but after farming for a short time decided to enter into the mercantile business for himself, as the town offered at that time an excellent field. He therefore purchased a stock of general merchandise to the value of \$520, and started in, doing all the work incident to the new venture, and for the 11 succeeding years he sold goods over his own counters, giving full weight and running over, and making a friend of every customer.

For a number of years Mr. Mehaffey had taken an active interest in politics before he accepted any office. His first elective office was that of county clerk; he was elected in 1869 on the Democratic ticket and was reelected three years later, being in office six years in all. He then became prominent also in financial affairs, as president of the First National Bank, of Lima. Later he sold his interests and was succeeded by Dr. S. A. Baxter. His next enterprise was handling cattle, and this proved very lucrative and he continued in this business for a number of years. Mr. Mehaffey gave great assistance in the organizing of the Merchants' National Bank of Lima, of which he was elected president, a position he continued to fill until



the bonds were all called in and the corporation went out of business. Mr. Mehaffey took charge of the concern and ran it as a private bank for the accommodation of merchants, and continued until he was called to take so prominent a part in State politics that he found it expedient to dispose of many of his private business interests.

With very little effort on his part, Mr. Mehaffey was nominated and was subsequently elected to the State Senate from the 32nd District, which included Allen, Van Wert, Auglaize, Mercer, Paulding, Defiance and Williams counties, and in this honorable position he served through two terms. As a member of the Legislature, Mr. Mehaffey met the expectations of his constituents and fellow-citizens and retired from public life with their increased confidence and added respect.

When Mr. Mehaffey returned to his home from the arena of politics, it was with the expressed intention of giving the remainder of his life to the peaceful pursuits of agriculture, finding on his extensive estate enough to occupy his time and fulfill his ambition. However, this was not accepted by his fellow-citizens, and when the capitalists of this section of the State found a field open for the establishing of another financial institution at Lima, they called upon Mr. Mehaffey to accept the presidency of the Metropolitan Bank, a position of honor, trust and responsibility which he still fills.

During his service in the Senate he was appointed one of the trustees of the institution for the feeble-minded youth of the State and has served for the past 19 years. His first appointment was made by Governor Foraker and he has been continued in the office by every succeeding Governor and during the most of the time has been president of the board, although its composition is Republican and he has been a life-long Democrat.

Mr. Mehaffey was married on August 19, 1856, to Mary Elinor Richardson, who was born in 1834 in Green County, Ohio, and is a daughter of Joseph H. and Edith (Whitworth) (Smith) Richardson, natives of Wythe County, Virginia. They were married there and

came to Greene County, Ohio, and in 1836 to Allen County, and settling near Lima on land which is now within the corporate limits of the city, but at that time was covered with timber, excepting a little space which had been cleared, only sufficient for a small garden plot. Mrs. Mehaffey remembers the old log house and that blankets were hung over the openings to exclude cold; and she also recalls the long nights when bright fires were kept burning outside the cabin to protect the inmates from the wolves who howled in the near-by forest. Where this took place the prosperous citizens of Lima now hurry through busy streets and carry on traffic and pursue their social and busy life interests.

Mrs. Mehaffey had more educational advantages than were afforded many of the children of her time and locality. Her father was a scholarly man, had collegiate training in Virginia, and taught the first public school in German township. When four years old, she was carried on his back to the little log schoolhouse and there laid the foundation for the perfected education and culture of later years. She was one of six children and the family has been identified with the educational interests of this section since her infancy until 1904, when a sister resigned from her long connection with the public schools of Lima. The magnificent new school edifice, completed at Lima in the fall of 1904 and bearing the name of the Richardson School, was so named in honor of her father, Joseph Hicks Richardson, and a handsome picture of this well-known educator adorns its walls. One of the pleasant avenues of the city was named Charles street, in honor of Mrs. Mehaffey's brother, Charles.

Mr. and Mrs. Mehaffey have had four children, viz: William R., a graduate of Kenyon College, Ohio, who is now editor of the *Lima Times-Democrat*; George E., assistant cashier of the Metropolitan Bank, of Lima, who was educated at the University of Tennessee; Alice, who died in infancy; and Eda Alice (Hill), a resident of LaFayette, who is a graduate of the Cincinnati Wesleyan College. Mrs. Mehaffey has long been interested in missionary work in connection with the Methodist







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Episcopal Church. Since December, 1873, she has been identified also with that noble organization, the W. C. T. U., and it was mainly through her efforts that the saloon element was overcome in LaFayette. She is a member of the State executive board and for a number of years has been county superintendent of the press-work carried on under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. Mrs. Mehaffey is a lady of literary tastes and accomplishments and has written more or less continuously for publication since she was 14 years old. For the past 10 years she has devoted her pen exclusively to the interests of temperance and in her work has the support and approbation of her husband.

In addition to other honors shown him, Mr. Mehaffey was commissioned lieutenant-colonel of militia, during the Civil War, by Governor David Tod. He is a Royal Arch Mason, having been a member of the fraternity since he was 21 years of age. He belongs to the Protestant Episcopal Church.

**S**OLOMON BINKLEY resides on a farm of 117 acres in section 35, Jackson township, in one of the most attractive and desirable country homes in Allen County. Through his labors his farm was converted from a wilderness of trees and underbrush to its present highly cultivated state. Mr. Binkley was born October 10, 1829, near Thornville, Perry County, Ohio, and is a son of Emanuel and Elizabeth (Snyder) Binkley.

His great-grandfather, Christian Binkley, who was a native of Maryland, was among the pioneers of Perry County, Ohio. He was of German ancestry and from the German inscription on his monument in Reading township, Perry County, it is learned that he died in 1832, at the age of 91 years.

Henry Binkley, the grandfather of our subject, was also born in Maryland, and came with his father to Ohio in 1801. He died in 1825.

Emanuel Binkley was born in Reading township, Perry County, Ohio, December 27, 1806, and there reached manhood and married.

He came to Allen County in October, 1841, and remained here until his death on February 17, 1891, aged 84 years, four months and 20 days. He was a member of the Reformed Church. In politics he was a Democrat. His wife, Elizabeth Snyder, was born in Thorn township, Perry County, Ohio, June 28, 1808, and died in Allen County, March 9, 1894, aged 85 years, 8 months and 11 days. Her father was Daniel Snyder, an extensive land-owner and the father of a large family. Our subject is the eldest of 12 children, namely: Solomon; Katharine (Hulinger), who died in 1904; Samuel, who died in 1892; Simon, who died in May, 1904; Mary, who died in childhood; Millie C., who died in 1898; Daniel, who resides in Lafayette; Henry, of Richland township; Emeline (Mowery), of Henry County; Matilda (Sherman), who died in 1902; Saloma (Friedly), of Dunkirk, Hardin County; and Elizabeth (Shaw), of Hancock County.

Solomon Binkley was 12 years old when the family located in Jackson township, on the Marion road, where he lived for several years. In November, 1851, he purchased 40 acres of land adjoining his father's farm, for which he was to pay \$5 per acre. He had worked three months for Dr. Newton Sager for \$11 per month, and out of his earnings he had saved \$30, which he applied on his purchase. By 1853 he had built a log cabin and began clearing the land, continuing its cultivation until the fall of 1862, when he sold the property for \$1,200. He immediately purchased 120 acres of unimproved woodland, for which he paid \$1,500. Here, after building a cabin, he began clearing his land as before, and in 1869 purchased an adjoining 40 acres, which gave him a quarter section of land. He cleared and cultivated about 120 acres, and in 1875 erected a magnificent brick residence. Four years later he erected his barns, and other outbuildings to correspond, and now enjoys the comforts of a model home. He has allowed his son a portion of the farm, and retains only 117 acres.

Mr. Binkley was married April 29, 1852, to Anna Holman, who was born in Ross County, Ohio, November 27, 1834, and lived in Delaware County until 1848, when she located in





Allen County with her parents, William and Sarah (Frederick) Holman. To this union have been born five children, namely: Cloyd, born August 2, 1853, who lives at home; Sarah, born July 24, 1855, wife of Mark Guyton, of Auglaize township; John H., born May 21, 1860, who is a resident of Hardin County; Amos, born October 5, 1862, who lives on an adjoining farm; and Ida B., born March 29, 1869, who lives at home. Mr. Binkley is a Democrat and has served as trustee of Jackson township for two terms. He united with the Christian Church at LaFayette in 1855, and has served as a deacon of that body for more than 40 years. He takes a lively interest in all that pertains to agriculture, and is one of the most prominent members of Jackson Grange.

On a preceding page, in connection with this sketch, appears a family group, in which four generations of the Binkley family are represented.

**J**OSEPH C. ROSS, superintendent of the handle works of the O. B. Selfridge Company, at Lima, was born in Chautauqua County, New York, in 1848, and is a son of Gilbert Ross, who is a resident of Meadville, Pennsylvania, and is in his 85th year. The family moved to Erie County, Pennsylvania, when our subject was seven years old, and he received his education in the common schools of that county. He was reared on a farm, remaining there until he was 21 when he struck out for himself. When our subject was 16 years of age, his father was drafted into the army and young Ross took his place, serving three months, until the close of the war, in Company A, 102nd Reg., Pennsylvania Vol. Inf., and taking part in the campaigns of West Virginia.

In 1870 young Ross went to McKean, Pennsylvania, where he obtained work in the handle factory of F. Lamson, with whom he remained three or four years. He then went to Corry, Pennsylvania, and for about seven years was employed in the handle factory at that place. Removing from there to Ohio, he entered the factory of Lamson & Cleveland at Leip-

sic. Four and a half years later he moved to Edgerton, Ohio, and after three years at that place accepted a position in the factory of Selfridge, Woods & Company, of Lima, where he is still employed. Upon the death of Mr. Selfridge about 17 years ago, Mr. Ross was made superintendent of the works, and has given to the work his most careful and conscientious efforts.

In 1870 Mr. Ross was married to Mary E. Cleveland, a daughter of the late Pliny Cleveland. They have no children of their own, but have an adopted daughter, Nellie Ross, whom they are giving the advantages of a good home and parental love. They are members of the Market Street Presbyterian church. Mr. Ross was a member of the Edgerton School Board while residing there; but has devoted his entire attention to his business since coming to Lima. He is a member of Mart Armstrong Post, No. 202, G. A. R., and of Solar Lodge, No. 783, I. O. O. F.

**J**OHN DEPPLER, well-known both as a contractor and farmer of Richland township, is a Swiss by birth and an American by long residence and sympathies. He was born October 10, 1847, in Tagerfelten, Canton Bern, Switzerland. His parents were John and Fannie (Shifferly) Deppler, both of whom were natives of Bern. The father was a contractor and met his death a short time before the birth of our subject by the caving-in of a sand-bank. He was the father of two children, Elizabeth, who died in Paulding County, Ohio, and John. The mother married a second time, her second husband being Rudolph Smith, who brought the family to America in 1853. After remaining in Wayne County, Ohio, for a couple of years, they came to Allen County and settled in Richland township. Later they moved to Paulding County, Ohio, where the mother died in her 63rd year. By her second marriage she had two daughters and one son, all of whom have passed to the life beyond.

John Deppler resided in Allen County about



10 years, being 18 or 19 years of age when he went with his parents to Paulding County. He was a carpenter and worked at his craft after returning to Allen County in 1869. Later he also engaged in contracting and continued this business until about five years ago, when he gave up the more arduous work and now enjoys the comforts of his pleasant home in well-earned ease. In 1889 Mr. Deppler purchased a small farm of 60 acres, to which he afterwards added an adjoining tract of 85 acres, the land lying in sections 11 and 12, Richland township. This he has converted into a most desirable home by erecting a good comfortable house and remodeling and building the outbuildings to suit his needs. He carries on general farming, the work having been in charge of his son while he was engaged in carpentering and contracting.

Mr. Deppler has been twice married. His first wife was Mary Huber, daughter of Charles and Nancy Huber, of Richland township. She left two sons—Albert, of Bluffton, and Eli. In 1888, Mr. Deppler was married to his present wife, who was Anna P. Garber, a native of Wayne County, Ohio. Her parents, Peter and Anna (Shiverly) Garber, were natives of Switzerland. Peter Garber died in Wayne County. After his death, his widow and daughter came to Allen County where the latter met and married John Deppler. Three children, all sons, have been born to them, namely: John Calvin, who lives at home and looks after the farm; and Daniel Walter and Harry Edison, who are attending school. Mr. Deppler is a Democrat in politics. In religion he is a consistent member of the Mennonite Church.

**H**ENRY VAN GUNTEN, who was elected sheriff of Allen County in November, 1905, is the proprietor of the large piano and organ house which is located at the southwest corner of the Public Square in Lima. Here he carries a complete line of instruments of the best and most approved makes, and does a volume of business which not only embraces Lima, but extends far out into the surrounding country. He

was born July 29, 1864, in Richland township, Allen County, Ohio, and is a son of John and Anna (Snitter) VanGuntten. His father has been a resident of this county since 1834 and is a prosperous farmer of Richland township.

Henry VanGuntten was one of eight children and his early life was spent on his father's farm. In winter he attended school and assisted with the farming in summer. He learned harness-making and worked at this trade for about four years, until 1889, when he came to Lima and engaged in the sale of musical instruments, in which business he has been eminently successful. Determined to conduct a business to satisfy the most critical taste, he has stocked his store with only the most desirable instruments and those that he feels assured will meet the requirements of his patrons. He has the satisfaction of knowing that when a really superior article is wanted it is pretty sure to be VanGuntten who makes the sale. Assisting him in his work is C. F. Woolery, who has charge of the piano tuning.

Mr. VanGuntten married Amelia Beeler, daughter of the late David Beeler, of this county, and they are the parents of three bright boys—Avery L., Verral D. and Leon F. The family are members of the German Reformed Church. Mr. VanGuntten was elected sheriff of Allen County on the Democratic ticket on November, 1905. He is a member of the Improved Order of Red Men, Knights of the Macabees, Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Eagles.



**W**C. PELTIER, whose farm of 160 acres is situated in section 4, Marion township, is now numbered with the retired residents of this locality, who have earned the esteem and confidence of their fellow-citizens, together with a comfortable amount of this world's goods. Mr. Peltier was born August 16, 1837, in Sugar Creek township, Allen County, Ohio, and is a grandson of Anthony Peltier and a son of James and Jane (Clark) Peltier.

Anthony Peltier was born in Canada, but was of French extraction. He located at Detroit, Michigan, in early manhood and became





a successful Indian trader, continuing his residence there during the War of 1812. Conditions having changed on the frontier there, he removed to Maumee City, which is now denominated South Toledo, and there he continued trading with the Indians up to the time of his death. He was trusted by them and dealt honestly, being a devoted member of the Catholic Church.

James Peltier, son of Anthony and father of our subject, was born at Detroit, Michigan, in August, 1806, and died at Bluffton, Ohio, at the age of 83 years. He spoke both the French and English languages, understood two or three of the Indian dialects, and became a trader like his father. In 1830, at Findlay, Ohio, he married Jane Clark, who was a daughter of John and Sarah Clark. They had these children: Louisa, wife of S. J. Brand, of Bluffton; William C., of Marion township; John W., of Lima; Enos, of Marion township; Joseph O., deceased; and Charles W., of Michigan. Four of his sons served in Ohio regiments during the Civil War. In 1834 James Peltier and wife moved to Lima, and in 1835 settled in Sugar Creek township, one and a quarter miles north of Elida, where he cleared a farm from the forest, on which he resided until 1863. In that year he removed to Marion township and settled on the farm now owned by his son, William C. Peltier. James Peltier was reared in the faith of the Catholic Church, but after his marriage he changed his opinions, became identified with the Methodist bodies and for 20 years was a local Methodist preacher. In political sentiment he was a Republican.

William C. Peltier was reared on his father's farm and after completing a good, common school education began to teach. He became well known through Allen County as a teacher, his experience covering 23 winter terms in Sugar Creek and Marion townships. The opening of the Civil War aroused his patriotic feelings and he began to make preparations to enter the army. These culminated in his enlistment on August 1, 1862, at Lima, in Company E, 99th Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf., under Capt. J. C. Walters. Three years of the best portion of his life were devoted to the service of his

country, his honorable discharge taking place in July, 1865, at Salisbury, North Carolina. Ohio people do not need to be told of the doings of the gallant 99th Ohio during that period. Mr. Peltier participated in almost all of the battles, skirmishes and long marches which this body was called upon to endure. He was one of those who so bravely fought on the bloody field of Chickamauga. At Lookout Mountain he was wounded in the side by a rifle ball, but took part in the Atlanta campaign from Dalton to Atlanta, participated in the battles of Pumpkinvine Creek, Burnt Hickory, Kenesaw Mountain and the siege of Atlanta. He was with General Thomas at Nashville and fought through the two days of battle there, December 16-17, 1864. He was in every battle of his regiment with the exception of Stone River, when he was in a hospital. Mr. Peltier has every reason to feel proud of such a record.

After his return from the army, he resumed farming and school teaching. He has always been interested in agricultural pursuits. His farm is divided into two equal portions, 80 acres being on each side of the road. The tract on which his residence stands he cleared from the forest, living in the meantime in a log cabin. Through ditching, draining and tiling he has made his property one of the best in the township. He has done much in the way of encouraging public improvements and has always supported movements looking to the making of good, substantial, permanent roads.

On August 16, 1866, Mr. Peltier married Leah A. McBride, who was born September 18, 1842, in German township, Allen County, Ohio, and was a daughter of Alexander and Leah (Wolf) McBride. Alexander McBride was of Scotch-Irish extraction and was a pioneer in Allen County. He had 10 children, Mrs. Peltier being the seventh in order of birth. Four of her brothers served in the Civil War. Alexander McBride died on his farm, aged 70 years. He was a member of the Christian Union Church. In politics he was a Democrat. Mrs. Peltier died November 18, 1887. She was a most worthy member of the United Brethren Church. The children born to our subject and wife were: A babe which died in infancy;



Cora, born June 22, 1868, who married Rev. J. J. Richards, and at her death, September 22, 1897, left a son; H. M., born September 7, 1871 (a well known educator and one of Allen County's Board of School Examiners), who married Callie Baxter, a daughter of Levi Baxter; Nelson, born March 23, 1876 (formerly a teacher, now a resident of Fort Wayne, Indiana), who married Nettie North of Van Wert, and has one daughter, Leah Janette; James, born December 14, 1880 (residing on the home farm and teaching the district school), who married, on August 16, 1905, May Edwards, of Delphos. Mr. Peltier has given his sons 80 acres of land, which they have divided among themselves.

Politically, Mr. Peltier is identified with the Republican party. In religious belief he is a Methodist and is a member of Morris Chapel. During the period of its building he was one of the trustees and is now a steward and class-leader. He belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic post, and to Hope Lodge, No. 214, F. & A. M., both of Delphos.

**J**OSEPH HESLIP HARBISON. Among the honored residents of Spencerville, whose residence here for almost a half century has been marked with uprightness of life and sterling business qualities, is Joseph Heslip Harbison, a worthy representative of a pioneer family of the State.

The earliest records of the family have been lost, but it can be traced three generations back, through the family Bible, to the time of the grandparents, who lived and died near a little village named Ballamany, in the North of Ireland. The little home was the shelter of a large family, many sons and one daughter—the names of the sons that have been preserved were Mathew, John H. and Robert. The birth of the last named, who was the father of our subject, took place in Ireland, whence he came to America about the year 1780. He settled at Baltimore, Maryland, where he entered into business as a flour merchant, and became

one of the prosperous men of his city. In the great panic of 1827 he, with many others who had been considered men of capital, lost all his possessions and in a short space of time was reduced from affluence to poverty.

In this extremity Robert Harbison turned his thoughts to relatives who were of the same lineage, and were settled in the Western part of Pennsylvania. It became necessary to found a new home and it is possible that the first idea of Mr. Harbison was to locate with his relatives, but this plan was evidently abandoned. About 1830, with his wife and seven children, Mr. Harbison, with the family possessions packed in wagons, left Baltimore and headed for the Western country. We may well believe the month of journeying was a long and weary time, but without serious accident they finally arrived on the banks of Wills Creek, in Coshocton County, Ohio. Here Mr. Harbison took a life lease of his brother-in-law, Joseph Heslip, on some 80 or 100 acres of land in Linton township, which had been originally entered by his father-in-law. He did not live long enough, however, to develop this land or to place his family in comfortable circumstances. He was a soldier at North Point, in the War of 1812. His death took place December 1, 1833, and his wife survived him less than five years. Both were victims of consumption. Two of their children died in 1883, a son in February and a daughter in March.

Robert Harbison was married November 29, 1810, to Mary Heslip, whose death took place April 25, 1838. Her family were early settlers in Coshocton County, Ohio, where they owned vast tracts of land at one time. The children of this marriage were: Robert, Eliza Ann, Margaret, John Heslip, William, Susan, Mary, and Joseph Heslip, of Spencerville. The eldest son of the family was born May 1, 1812, and served in the Mexican War. He was on his way home when stricken with mortal illness and died at Cerralvo, Mexico, aged 35 years and 23 days. Eliza Ann (Platt) was born September 25, 1814, and died May 12, 1861. Margaret (McCune) was born December 27, 1817, and died December 27, 1865. Dr. John Heslip Harbison, a pioneer merchant and phy-





sician, was born April 19, 1819, and died February 7, 1883, at Spencerville. He married Harriet Webb, sister of his business partner, and they had three sons and three daughters, two of the latter being twins, one of whom is Mrs. H. M. Ashton, wife of the postmaster at Spencerville, and the other, Kitty, is the wife of Dr. M. E. Renner, of Urbana, Indiana. William Harbison was born November 17, 1821, and died November 6, 1860, at Caledonia, Illinois. He married Harriet Cowgill; they are survived by a son and daughter—James and Mary. Susan (Julien) was born March 13, 1824, and died March 1, 1883, at Old Plainfield, Ohio, leaving no issue. Mary was born August 20, 1829, and died April 10, 1876. She first married J. C. Platt and was survived by a daughter, Luella, who is now deceased. Her second husband was a Mr. Ferguson.

Joseph Heslip Harbison was the youngest member of his parents' family of eight children and is the only survivor. The others were all born in Maryland, but his birth took place in Coshocton County, Ohio, December 26, 1832. When he was but one year old his father died and when five years old he was bereft of his mother. They both rest in Linton township, Coshocton County. The orphan child was taken by his maternal aunt, Nancy Vance, a most estimable woman, of whom Mr. Harbison entertains a grateful memory, who reared him carefully for the next 10 years. She lived on a farm near Morristown and two miles from Bethesda. He attended the local schools and enjoyed a short season in a small academy at West Bedford. Encouraged by his practical aunt, he learned the cooper's trade in order to make himself independent. He was naturally inclined to be studious and, while working at the trade, continued to study by himself and in this way acquired enough education to receive a certificate to teach.

In 1858 he came to Spencerville, a village then of some 400 dwellers, encouraged to do so by his brother, John H. Harbison, who then conducted the only mercantile establishment in the place. At that time the beautifully situated hamlet bore the name "Acadia," but this was subsequently changed to the present one of

Spencerville. During 1859 he taught school and clerked for his brother, and continued to be identified with mercantile interests here until 1884. His school teaching, beginning at Acadia (now Spencerville) covered in all some four years.

From the opening of the Civil War, Mr. Harbison had taken a deep interest in its issues and the determination to do his part in the suppression of rebellion culminated in his enlistment, on July 21, 1862, in Company A, 81st Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf., 16th Army Corps, the regiment being later transferred to the 15th Army Corps. He served, with the rank of sergeant, under Lieut. David S. VanPelt and Col. William H. Hill, and participated in the following engagements: Town Creek, Lay Ferry, Rome, Cross Roads, Resaca and Kenesaw Mountain. He took part in the Atlanta campaign, accompanied Sherman in the "March to the Sea," was present at the taking of Savannah, Columbia, Lynch Creek, Bentonville, was present at the surrender of Johnston, was in the march to Richmond and then was in the Grand Review at Washington, which was particularly pleasing to him as there he was commissioned a lieutenant by Governor John Brough, of Ohio. He was finally mustered out at Louisville, Kentucky, July 13, 1865, and was honorably discharged at Camp Dennison, July 21, 1865. Through this long period he had served his country with a fidelity which was recognized and suitably rewarded.

After his return to Spencerville, Mr. Harbison was admitted to partnership by his brother, under the firm style of J. H. Harbison & Company. This continued a few years, and then our subject purchased the stock and the real estate of Mr. Fogle and opened a mercantile business of his own. He was appointed postmaster by President Hayes, succeeding N. Meeker. He continued in this office for seven years. Mr. Harbison's connections with almost all that has served to develop Spencerville has made him one of the most prominent figures in the life of the town for many years. He was one of the early members of the Town Council and had much to do with the measures which have







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caused its development from a hamlet into its present prosperous activity and place among the small cities of the State. Realizing the importance of good transportation, Mr. Harbison was one of the early promoters of the railroads and to his advice, assistance and encouragement are due many of the public utilities and successful commercial connections which are enjoyed by every citizen.

On March 21, 1866, Mr. Harbison was married to Sarah H. Patterson, who was born in Wayne County, Ohio, of Irish descent. She was a popular teacher in the neighborhood of Spencerville at the time of her marriage. The eldest of a family of six children, she, with one brother, is the sole survivor. The brother, H. M. Patterson, was formerly associated in the mercantile business with Mr. Harbison, at Spencerville, but for 25 years has been a funeral director at Atlanta, Georgia. Mr. and Mrs. Harbison have two sons, Willis Grant and Charles Post. The former was named for the poet, N. P. Willis and for General Grant, for both of whom his father entertains a great admiration. He was graduated from the Spencerville school, attended the Ohio Normal University at Ada, and for 19 years has been connected with the C. & E. Railroad. Charles Post was named for Mr. Post, one of the pioneers of Amanda township, a friend of his father. He also attended the Ohio Normal University at Ada, later married Mary Koepling, and for some years has been the traveling representative of a large wholesale drug firm of Chicago.

Mr. Harbison has always been a supporter of the public schools, and introduced many of the best-known text-books here, notably the "Appleton Reader." Had his early education been different and his life a more leisurely one, Mr. Harbison would probably have developed his talent for poetry. He is a lover of good literature and is well acquainted with the best poetry, being able to recite many of the gems of Robert Burns, his favorite poet.

Mr. Harbison was made a Mason in 1856 and has always been an active member of the fraternity. He belongs to Lodge No. 306, F. & A. M. and the Order of the Eastern Star.

For 19 years he was worshipful master of the lodge at Spencerville. He is known in this connection all over the State.

Since he was 16 years old, Mr. Harbison has been a church member. In 1881 he united with the Baptist Church of Spencerville and shortly afterward was elected a deacon, an office he still fills. He has also served as clerk and as trustee.

Mr. Harbison owns considerable valuable property at Spencerville. He has seen every house but one built on the Lima turnpike, where his own handsome residence is located. He is known to everyone and by the younger generation is affectionately greeted as "Uncle Joe."



WILLIAM H. STEPHENS, one of the best known fire insurance men of Lima, whose portrait appears on the opposite page, was born in Washington County, Tennessee, in 1842, but has been a resident of Lima since 1865. His parents were Rev. Samuel and Eliza (Strain) Stephens. His maternal grandfather, Robert Strain, was a soldier of the War of 1812 and his maternal great-grandfather was a soldier of the Revolutionary War.

Rev. Samuel Stephens was born in Virginia and in his youth served an apprenticeship to the trade of carriage-making. He was a devout Methodist and preached the Gospel for several years. After the birth of his son, William H., he removed to Arkansas, where, under contract with the government, he engaged in the manufacture of wagons for the Indians. He died within two years of his arrival in Arkansas.

After the death of his father, the subject of this sketch accompanied the family to the old home in Washington County, Tennessee, where he obtained his education through attendance in the common schools. Later in life he moved to Indiana. He worked on a farm for some time in his youth and later was clerk in a store until he came to Lima, when he secured employment on the C. H. & D. Railway. He continued on the road for nearly 20 years and rose to the position of passenger conductor. He





was a trusted and efficient employee, and only left the service of the railroad company because of an accident that deprived him of the use of his right limb and forced his retirement from railroading. Since that time he has been engaged in various lines of business and is at present successfully representing a number of fire insurance companies.

Mr. Stephens was married in 1870 to Lucy Havi, whose father was born in Maryland and moved to Lima about 1856, where he became a prominent brick and stone contractor. Mr. and Mrs. Stephens have two children: Bert R., who is located at Springfield, Illinois, traffic manager of the Illinois Traction Company; and Mary E., who recently married Louis W. Laudick, son of J. W. Laudick, of Lima, a well-known dealer in agricultural implements. Mr. and Mrs. Stephens are by faith Presbyterians. Mr. Stephens has taken a leading part in all movements that pertain to the welfare of the city. He has served as director on the board of two banking institutions of the city, was councilman two years, was a member of the board of trustees of the Lima Water Works four years, and a member of the Sinking Fund Trustees two years.

**J**N. FLETCHER, the genial proprietor of one of the most complete and up-to-date harness and saddle shops in Lima, was born in Wayne County, Ohio, in 1860 and is a son of John Fletcher, who was a harness-maker and conducted a shop in Dalton, Wayne County, for more than 40 years. Our subject was born and reared in Dalton and learned his trade in his father's shop. When about 20 years old he struck out for himself by opening a harness shop in West Salem, Wayne County. He was reasonably successful and remained there 10 years; but seeing the advisability of locating in a wide-awake, flourishing city, he removed in 1890 to Lima where he has since been engaged in the same line of business, and enjoys a fine trade and the confidence and good will of his patrons and neighbors.

Mr. Fletcher was married in 1880 to Miss Luginbuhl, daughter of John L. Luginbuhl, a prosperous farmer of Wayne County. Five children have been born to them, viz: Howard, who is bookkeeper for the Lima Electric Light Company; Clair, a student in the Lima High School; Ethel; Hazel and Madge. The family are adherents of the Epworth Methodist Episcopal Church, of which Mr. Fletcher is a trustee. He is a modern Woodman of America and an Odd Fellow, being a member of both lodge and encampment in the latter order. Mr. Fletcher is now serving his third year in the City Council of Lima, having been elected to the office by a flattering majority, the largest given to any man on the ticket. He takes a deep interest in all that pertains to the welfare of the city. His home is situated at No. 415 South Cole street

**M**INER C. CROSSLEY, one of Lima's leading citizens, extensively engaged in the buying and shipping of stock and a large owner of valuable real estate, is a native of Allen County, where he was born in 1857, in Perry township. He is a son of Ross and Phoebe (Apple) Crossley.

The father of Mr. Crossley was born in Lebanon County, Ohio, and came to Perry township, Allen County, Ohio, in 1832, with his parents who were among the pioneer families. At that time the present prosperous city of Lima, with its population of about 22,000, had but five houses. He was a brick manufacturer and made the first brick ever used in house construction in the city. About 1890 he moved to Lima and built a fine brick structure on South Main street, 50 by 70 feet in dimensions. He also owned a handsome home on the corner of West Market and Baxter streets, where he died in 1899. He married Phoebe Apple, whose death preceded his own. Their children were: Henry, deceased; Isaiah, of Paulding County, Ohio; Cloyd, of Montana; Miner C., of this sketch; Elmer, deceased; Eddie, of Lima; Lavina, wife of Robert Hill, of Lima; Elizabeth, wife of Joseph Tapscott, of Perry





township; and Viola and Araminta, both residents of Lima.

Mr. Crossley was a lifelong Democrat, but had many interests outside politics. He owned a great deal of real estate in this locality and in many ways was one of the city's most representative citizens.

Miner C. Crossley was reared and educated in Perry township and engaged in farming and stock buying until 1889, when he came to Lima. Here he was engaged in a meat business until 1902 and for some years was largely interested in oil. He has disposed of all of the latter interests and is now engaged in extensive operations in the buying and shipping of stock. In 1892 he built the Crossley Block, a magnificent two-story building at Nos. 713-715-717 South Main street, and he owns other valuable property.

In 1878 Mr. Crossley was married to Rachel V. Cochrun, who is a daughter of J. C. Cochrun of German township, one of the first pioneers of Allen County. Mr. and Mrs. Crossley have one son, Clifford, who is engaged in the cigar business at Lima.

Politically, Mr. Crossley has always been identified with the Democratic party and has been in close touch with party leaders for a number of years. In 1902 he was his party's choice for county treasurer; he has served on the Democratic County Executive Committee many times.



W. ZEITS, one of Allen County's representative men and one of Beaver Dam's leading business citizens, recently elected county recorder, was born in Perry township, August 7, 1874, and is a son of John and Philipena (Kock) Zeits.

John Zeits was born in Nassau, Germany, in December, 1835, and was 18 years old when he accompanied his parents to the United States. His father settled in Allen County, Ohio, near Westminster. John Zeits has lived in Perry township for the past 35 years. He married Phillipena Kock, who was born near Wittenberg, Germany, and died in November, 1904, at the age of 58 years. She was also 18

years old when she came to the United States. They had three children, namely: Mollie, wife of Rufus Creps, of Westminster; Lewis, of Perry township; and F. W., of Beaver Dam.

F. W. Zeits remained on his father's farm until he was 25 years of age, attending the local schools until 17 years old, and spending two years of this period at the Ohio Normal University at Ada, Ohio. After leaving school, he taught several terms. At the opening of the Spanish-American War he enlisted in Company C, Second Ohio Infantry, U. S. Volunteers, under Capt. Frank M. Bell, and was mustered into the United States service. He spent three months in camp at Chickamauga Park, went then to Knoxville, Tennessee, and to Macon, Georgia, and was mustered out February 10, 1899.

After his return from the army, Mr. Zeits remained one year longer on the farm and then located in Beaver Dam. This was during the oil boom and he worked in the oil field for six months, after which he embarked in his present grocery and shoe business.

On June 10, 1900, Mr. Zeits was married to Lena Franklin, who was born in Allen County, Ohio, and is a daughter of J. A. Franklin, of Perry township. They have one child, Vera.

Mr. Zeits is a staunch Democrat and was honored with election to the office of county recorder in November, 1905. He has efficiently served in a number of official capacities and in 1898 was elected township clerk but did not serve on account of enlisting for service in the Spanish-American War as above mentioned. He belongs to Beaver Dam Lodge, No. 689, I. O. O. F., to Rainbow Encampment, I. O. O. F., of Bluffton; to LaFayette Lodge, F. & A. M.; and to Lodge No. 39, United Spanish War Veterans, of Lima. He was confirmed in the German Reformed Church.



WILLIAM H. MATTINGLY, a leading undertaker and embalmer of Lima, was born in Muskingum County, Ohio, in 1854 and is a son of Francis Mattingly. The grandfather, William Mattingly, came from Maryland in 1812, making the journey from that



State to Ohio on horseback, and settling in Muskingum County, where the father of our subject was born in 1822. Francis Mattingly was reared to manhood there and became one of the substantial farmers of that section.

William H. Mattingly was reared and educated on his father's farm. As soon as he was old enough to make his own way in the world, he went to the coal field of lower Perry and Hocking counties, where he soon became engaged in opening up the mining industry there, being employed by the Straitsville Mining Company. He continued with this company six years, making his home at New Straitsville, Perry County, until 1876, when he located in Zanesville, Ohio, and entered the undertaking business. He was a member of the firm of Brenholts & Mattingly for 12 years, and then disposed of his interests in the company and moved to Indianapolis, Indiana. Two years later he opened his present undertaking and embalming rooms in Lima, and has been steadily increasing his business since. He has taken advantage of every opportunity to perfect himself in every detail of the work, being a graduate of the Clarke Cincinnati College of Embalming, Myers', of Springfield, and the Egyptian and Sullivan schools of embalming. Mr. Mattingly is a member of the Ohio Funeral Directors' & Embalmers' Association and is chairman of the finance committee.

Mr. Mattingly was married in 1878 to Mary E. Carr, of Lancaster, Ohio, a daughter of James W. Carr, who was for years employed in the bridge department of the Cincinnati & Muskingum Valley Railroad. Mr. Mattingly is a stanch member of the St. Rose Catholic Church of Lima, of which he is secretary. He is financial secretary of Branch 23, Catholic Knights of Ohio and a charter member of Lodge No. 436, Knights of Columbus.



GEORGE DILLER was born March 23, 1862, in German township, Allen County, Ohio, and has passed his entire life almost within a stone's throw of his birthplace. He owns 60 acres of fine land in German township and is one of the intelligent, up-to-

date farmers of this county. He is a son of Samuel Diller, who was an early settler in German township, where he purchased a farm and built a log cabin. The six brothers and three sisters which composed the family were: Andrew, George, Samuel, Henry, William, Barbara, Lydia (deceased), and Nancy (deceased). A remarkable fact concerning this family is that four of the brothers married Brennenman girls, Andrew, Henry and George marrying sisters. Samuel married a Lydia Brennenman, who was in no way related to his brothers' wives. He has four children. Andrew Diller married Nancy Brennenman and is the father of three children. Henry married Caroline Brennenman and has three children, while George married Lydia Brennenman. William married Anna Shank and has a family of three children. Barbara married John Powell, of Virginia, who died leaving five children.

George Diller has been a farmer since his earliest boyhood, when he performed his share of the work on his father's farm. He was married in November, 1885, to Lydia Brennenman, who is a daughter of John Brennenman, of Marion township. They have an only child, Lesta May, who was born January 1, 1887, and is still living at home. Soon after marriage, Mr. Diller purchased 40 acres of land which, with 20 acres recently added, comprise his present holdings. In 1899 he built his new residence, a modern frame building, at once comfortable and convenient. He has remodeled his barns and made many minor improvements to his property. Mr. Diller is a member of the Mennonite Church and a man who stands well in the community.



JOHN BLACK, a retired master mechanic of Lima, is also one of the city's old and honored citizens. He was born in Scotland in 1848, and is a son of John Black, whose ancestors as far back as can be traced were of Scotch birth and rearing.

John Black, the father, emigrated to America in the early '50's and commenced his business career as a locomotive builder in the Niles Locomotive Works, at Cincinnati, Ohio. There






he continued until he secured a position as an engineer on the Marietta & Cincinnati Railroad, being thus employed for several years and later being connected in the same capacity with the C., H. & D. Railway, running between Cincinnati and Richmond, Indiana. He then became a master mechanic in the C., H. & D. Railway shops, at Richmond, and when that road gained control of the D. & M. Railroad, in 1863, he was appointed master mechanic of their shops at Lima, and continued as such, and as general master mechanic, for a period of 23 years. His death took place in 1893. During his entire residence in Lima he had been a prominent and useful citizen, serving frequently as a member of the City Council and supporting and assisting in formulating ordinances for the general welfare. Politically he was a Democrat.

John Black, our immediate subject, was reared through youth in Scotland, attending school and serving his apprenticeship to the machinist's trade prior to coming to America in 1869. He joined his father in Lima, and immediately commenced work in the machine shops of the C., H. & D. Railway, remaining there for a period of 20 years and two months. From the most subordinate position, through careful and persistent work, he was promoted to be engineer, and foreman and finally, in 1889, general foreman. He then became connected with the "Nickle Plate" Railroad as general foreman in their Chicago shops, where he remained one year, after which he served for three years as master mechanic of the Rock Island shops at Chicago.

The death of his father at Lima recalled John Black to this city, when he abandoned the railroad business altogether. He had accumulated property, both in Chicago and Lima, and has since devoted his time and attention to his investments. In 1900 he built the Black Block in Lima, this being a fine four-story brick building of Bedford stone front, with dimensions of 185 by 50 feet, and containing stores, offices and apartments. It is occupied by leading business men, and is the scene of much of the city's commerce. Mr. Black also built other fine buildings, and owns valuable

real estate in Chicago. He is one of the stockholders in The Ohio National Bank of this city.

In 1876 Mr. Black was married to Kate Hardesty, who is a daughter of the late Reuben Hardesty, one of the pioneers in the lumber trade of Lima. The four sons of the family are: William G., who is general foreman of the "Nickle Plate" Railroad shops at Fort Wayne, Indiana; John, a graduate of the University of Chicago, later serving two years as a chemist with Parke Davis & Company, of Detroit, then a student in mechanical chemistry at Cornell University, and at present assistant professor in that department; Charles H., a graduate of the Englewood High School, Chicago, served an apprenticeship in the C., H. & D. shops, and is now a machinist at the Lima Locomotive & Machine Works; and Robert C., a recent graduate of the Lima High School, who has entered Purdue University to pursue a course in mechanical and electrical engineering. All of Mr. Black's sons are practical young men, who know how to apply the education they have been given by an indulgent father and reflect credit upon him and his generous thoughtfulness.

 LARK L. HOYT, of Myers & Hoyt, grocers of Lima, was born in Hardin County, Ohio, in June, 1858. He is a son of William Hoyt, who came to Ohio in 1832 and located at Kenton, Hardin County, where he engaged in farming until 1862, at which time he moved to Lima, where he lived until his death, 12 years later.

Clark L. Hoyt, since he was four years old, has always resided in Lima. After leaving school, he entered the shops of the C., H. & D. Railway, and had been there two years when he went on the road as fireman for the company. Five years later he took charge of his first engine, and for 21 years was one of the most trusted and esteemed engineers on the road. By this time he was tired of the work and desired to engage in some business in which he might have regular hours and more





time with his family. He therefore purchased an interest in a grocery store in partnership with Mr. Myers, taking possession in June, 1904. They have a nice, clean store and carry a full line of staple and fancy groceries. Mr. Hoyt is equally at home at the throttle of an engine or behind the counters of his store, and is well pleased with the change.

He was married in 1888 to Nora V. Copeland by whom he has three children—Eldean, Lenore and Lucile. The father of Mrs. Hoyt was Willis Copeland, who was for many years engaged in the dairy business in Lima, and ran the first dairy wagon in the city. He died in 1894. Mr. Hoyt is a prominent Mason, a Knight of Pythias and a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. He is a Republican in politics, and was at one time a member of the City Council of Lima.

**N**ELSON WILBER CUNNINGHAM, cashier of the Commercial Bank & Savings Company, of Bluffton, was born at Lima, Ohio, February 24, 1856, and is a son of Col. James and Martha (Kennedy) Cunningham.

The late Col. James Cunningham was a pioneer in Allen County and for years was one of its most prominent men, serving two terms as a member of the State Senate and filling many offices with honor and efficiency. Extended mention of Colonel Cunningham will be found in the historical portion of this work.

Nelson W. Cunningham was a student in the local schools until 14 years of age and then entered another school, a printing office. For the following five years he worked in the office of the Allen County *Democrat*, which was then under the editorial charge of D. S. Fisher, at Lima, after which he came to Bluffton, then a village, and founded the *Bluffton News*, which he ably conducted for the succeeding 16 years. In 1893 Mr. Cunningham purchased a half interest in the Commercial Bank, a private banking institution which had been founded at Bluffton in 1887 by Frank Scott. Mr. Scott and Mr. Cunningham continued sole owners

until June 3, 1902, when it was incorporated under the laws of the State of Ohio, commencing business as a State Bank on July 1, 1902. At this time Mr. Scott became president and Mr. Cunningham, cashier. The institution is one which commands the confidence of the public. It is under the management of men of proved business integrity. There is probably no sounder, safer banking institution in Allen County than the Commercial Bank & Savings Company, and the citizens of Bluffton and vicinity readily give it support and reap accruing benefits.

In 1883 Mr. Cunningham was married to Eva A. Ballard, who was born in Allen County.

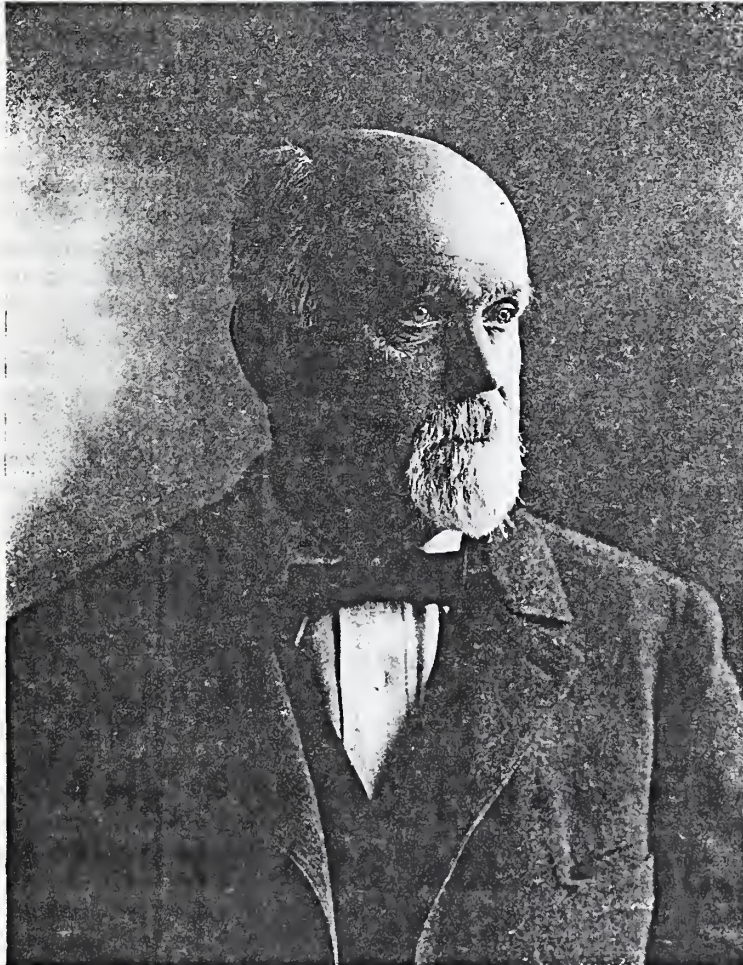
**H**UGH E. HUGHES, a prominent farmer and successful stock-raiser of Sugar Creek township, who resides on his well-improved farm of 80 acres which is situated in section 22, was born November 2, 1839, in Montgomeryshire, North Wales, and is a son of Evan and Catherine (Evans) Hughes.

Both parents of Mr. Hughes were born in Wales and their death occurred in 1852, separated by one month, the mother being aged 44 years and the father, 60 years. Their children were: Susan, Hugh E., William, John and David. Our subject and his two brothers, John and David, all came to the United States and the two brothers mentioned live in Missouri.

Hugh E. Hughes, like many others of his countrymen who have contributed largely to the State's prosperity, came to American shores in young manhood, poor in purse but rich in health, energy and stability of character. Industry had been considered a cardinal virtue in his home and he was prepared to work hard in the new land to which he had come, accepting that necessity as a stepping-stone to future independence.

Mr. Hughes reached the United States shortly after the close of the great Civil War, in 1866, and settled first in Cambria County, Pennsylvania, where he worked one year and then came to Gomer, Allen County, Ohio. A





WILLIAM PUGH





year later he went to Missouri and there acquired his first farm, a tract of 40 acres in the vicinity of Dawn, Livingston County. He remained in that State for six years. In 1874 he returned to Ohio and after his marriage early in the year bought 80 acres of land in Sugar Creek township, Allen County, on which he and his family resided for 10 years. He then disposed of the farm, which he had greatly improved, and on February 25, 1884, purchased his present farm of 80 acres in section 22. This property has undergone much improvement since Mr. Hughes has been its owner. His commodious barns and large, comfortable house give an appearance of thrift and good management, and his fields and stock, his machinery and general orderliness, show that a careful, competent man has been at the helm. He carries on general farming and stock-raising. In addition to the home farm in section 22, he owns another 80 acres, in section 23, the latter being in charge of a tenant. These farms and all else he possesses have been acquired by Mr. Hughes through personal endeavor.

On March 28, 1874, Mr. Hughes was married in Sugar Creek township, by Rev. D. M. Evans, to Margaret Hughes, who was born July 31, 1841, near Vaughnsville, Ohio, and is a daughter of Jenkin and Jane (Morgan) Hughes. The parents, both natives of South Wales, located, prior to the birth of Mrs. Hugh E. Hughes, in Putnam County, Ohio, where the father died in 1887, aged 84 years and the mother in 1886, aged 80 years. They were most worthy Christian people and reared their children carefully. They had nine children, Mrs. Hughes being the seventh in order of birth. Three of her brothers were in the Civil War. David served in Company D, 118th Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf.; Evan belonged to the 61st Regiment, Ohio Vol. Inf.; and John served in the 151st Regiment, Ohio Vol. Inf.

Mr. Hughes and his wife have had three children—Jennie, Katherine and Jenkin, of whom the last named died in infancy.

Mr. Hughes votes with the Republican party, but takes only a good citizen's interest in politics. He is a charter member of the

Vaughnsville Congregational Church, one of its deacons and formerly served as the Sunday-school superintendent. Mrs. Hughes has been a member of the church since 1855.



**CHARLES PUGH**, manager of the Pugh Stone Company, conducting of Lima, was born in Oneida County, one of the most important industries New York, November 23, 1858, and is a son of the late William Pugh, whose portrait is shown on the opposite page. Our subject's father located in Allen County, Ohio, in the early '60s, and was among the first to engage in the construction of pike roads here. The headquarters of the company have been located in Lima for almost 30 years.

William Pugh, born in Wales, November 26, 1832, was a shoemaker by trade, and followed that calling for a few years at Gomer, in this county, after which he engaged in a special line of contracting. He furnished crushed stone for road-ways, and built pike roads for a great many years, later furnishing stone for concrete and cement work. For about 15 years he was also engaged in the ice business. All in all, William Pugh was an influential citizen of the county. He served as a member of the Lima Water Works Board and was holding that position at the time of his death, February 28, 1900.

William Pugh was married about 1852 to Mary Evans, a native of Wales, and they had nine children, as follows: William, deceased; Annie, who married Joseph Jones, of Lima, and has two children—Mary M. and Richard W.; William C., deceased; Charles; Mary; Lisabeth, deceased; George, who married Lucile Mumaugh, and has one child, William; John, deceased, and Elizabeth. William Pugh and wife came to America from Wales, in 1857, after their two oldest children were born. Their third child was born *en route* to this country. The parents landed in New York City and went directly to Waterville, New York, where they resided about eight years before coming to Allen County, Ohio. Mrs. William Pugh died March 4, 1896, aged 65 years.





Charles Pugh was reared and educated at Gomer, and, upon leaving school, was put to work in his father's stone quarry. He soon became the latter's able assistant, and in 1877 located at Lima, where he has since resided and superintended the interests of the company. Since the death of his father, Mr. Pugh has had the sole management of the business. During recent years the company has done a large amount of cement construction, being especially busy in getting out crushed stone for cement and concrete work and for repairing pike roads. The quarries and crusher of the Pugh Stone Company are located on East North street, within nine blocks of the heart of the city.

In 1890, Charles Pugh was married to Clara Miller, who is a daughter of one of Allen County's oldest and most esteemed citizens—Uriah Miller, of Elida. This union has resulted in the birth of four children, namely: Beulah June and Charles Victor, both deceased; Virgil N. and Gladys E. Mr. Pugh is one of the substantial, reputable business men of Lima, and has a pleasant home at No. 925 East High street. He is a member of the Improved Order of Red Men and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

**EDWARD WALLACE**, for more than a quarter of a century an esteemed and honored citizen of Lima, was born in 1847, at Poland, Mahoning County, Ohio, where he was reared and educated. He is a son of the late John Wallace, who for many years was engaged at Poland in the furniture and undertaking business. Mr. Wallace is by occupation a very successful agent for a number of insurance companies, while by trade he is a miller, having learned that calling in his early youth at Youngstown, Ohio. After working at his trade in that city and in Sharon until 1870, he entered the store with which he was connected until he located at Lima in 1880.

Arriving in Lima on December 1, 1880, Mr. Wallace at once engaged in the general insurance business, with which he has since been identified, having become proficient and emi-

nently successful in his work. He represents a number of companies, among which are the following: Ohio Farmers; Eureka, of Cincinnati; Metropolitan, of Chicago; Central Manufacturers of Van Wert; Mutual Life, of New York, and the Maryland Casualty, of Baltimore, Maryland.


Mr. Wallace was married in 1870 to Miss Alice Draa, daughter of Perry Draa, of Trumbull County, Ohio, and a descendant of Sir Francis Drake, the name having been changed from the original spelling "Drake" to "Draa." Three children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace, viz: Glen I., who is in the insurance business at Lima; Julia L., wife of Orrin Simpson, who is with the Central Gas Company of Columbus, Ohio; and Frank N., who is associated in business with his father. Mr. Wallace is a member of the Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, of Lima, in which he takes an active interest. He is also a member of the Knights of Pythias.

**DANIEL MCKERREN**, notary public, who is one of the well-known business men of Lima, conducting a real estate and pension claim business at No. 202½ North Main street, has been a citizen here for the past twenty years. He was born November 30, 1850, in the city of Londonderry, Ireland, and was brought to America by his parents, Daniel McKerren, Sr., and wife, nee Margery Sweeney, both originally from the parish of Clondavodag, in County Donegal, Ireland. The first permanent settlement made by the parents of Daniel McKerren was at Greenville, Darke County, Ohio, where they lived a few years, then removing to near Fort Recovery, Mercer County, Ohio, where they purchased forty acres of land, and lived there a few years. Later exchanging this property for eighty acres in the northern part of Darke County, they removed to the latter county and lived there until they retired from farm life and moved to Lima, where they died, having passed the four-score mark, leaving besides Daniel, two other sons,—James D., and John, both of whom have since married and lo-



cated in the city of Detroit. They also had one daughter, Mary, who married James Costello of Lima; both have since died.

Daniel McKerren, the subject of this sketch, after leaving the farm home of his parents, learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed in various places until the fall of 1875, when he married Catharine M. Hillen, then a school teacher, the daughter of James and Mary Hillen, who lived a few miles northwest of Sidney, Ohio, where they owned a farm of eighty acres. To this union was born eight children, of whom one died in infancy. The oldest child living, James D., married and resides on North Metcalf street, Lima, being employed as a cigarmaker at the Deisel-Wemmer factory. The second son, John H., married and now lives in Akron, Ohio; he is a molder by trade. A daughter, Catherine C., married and resides at Sidney, Ohio; previous to her marriage she was cashier at Feldman's store. The next, a son, Daniel E., deceased December 1, 1901, was at the time of his death 19 years old, and was collector for the Metropolitan Bank of Lima. Charles J. is employed as an accountant in the Buckeye Pipe Line Company's office. Mary Agnes, still living at home, will finish her high school course this year. The youngest member of the family, Bernard A., now 13 years old, is going to school. Mr. McKerren is a member of St. Rose Catholic Church and is the financial secretary of the C. M. B. A.

AMUEL M. BURNS. Among the pleasant farm homes of Allen County, that of Mr. Burns is certain to attract the attention of the casual observer.

It comprises 88 acres of fertile land, 78 of which are located in section 31, Richland township, with 10 acres adjoining in section 1, Bath township. Mr. Burns was born May 6, 1833, in Chautauqua County, New York, and is a son of E. R. and Katherine (Dull) Burns.

The Burns family, as the name implies, is of Scotch origin. Edward Burns, the grandfather of our subject, was first cousin of Robert

Burns, the Scotch bard, and was a native of Scotland. He was pressed into the British Navy at Edinburgh and brought to America to help make war on the Colonies. Reaching Quebec, he, with four others, deserted from the British and joined the Continental Army in time to take part in that engagement. He served all through the war under the immediate command of General Washington, and was fortunate in that he was neither wounded nor taken prisoner. After peace was declared, he settled in Vermont where he married, reared a family of 12 children and lived until his death, which took place before he had reached the prime of manhood.

E. R. Burns was the ninth child in his parents' family and was born in Essex County, Vermont. He went to New York where he married Katherine Dull, who was a native of Pennsylvania, and four children were born in that State. In 1837 they left New York for Ohio, making the journey by means of an ox team. Their first stop was in Lake County, Ohio, where they lived about two years. From thence they moved to Hancock County. Much of their way lay through dense timber which had to be cut away before they could proceed, and their final stopping place was in the heart of the forest, with the nearest neighbor one and a half mile away. Here the father entered 80 acres of land and erected a small cabin 18 by 24 feet in dimensions. Of their five children—John D., Mary Ann, George L., Samuel M. and William—Samuel M. is the only one now living. The parents remained on this property in Hancock County until they passed away, the father aged 84 years and 9 months, and the mother in her 80th year.

Samuel M. Burns remained at home and assisted in clearing and improving the homestead until he had attained his majority, when he went to Tazewell County, Illinois, and remained there one year. He then returned home and, with his brother John, rented the farm and cultivated it for four years, at the same time working at carpentering in the vicinity. In 1856 he went to Nebraska where he spent two years working at his trade—he also preempted a claim there and made some im-





provements upon it. Returning home, he was married April 3, 1863, and again rented the home farm, which he operated with his brother William for one year, the brother managing the farm while our subject was engaged at carpentering. In 1864 he crossed the plains with a dozen or so companions and spent a year and a half in California, where he worked at his trade or on a ranch as opportunity offered. The return trip to New York was by way of the Isthmus of Panama.

About 33 years ago Mr. Burns came to Allen County and purchased his present farm, also renting land in the vicinity. He has about 25 acres cleared and has erected all the buildings now standing on the property with the exception of the dwelling. In addition to his farming operations, he derives considerable revenue from the 12 oil-wells which are located on his property.

Mr. Burns was married in 1863 to Margaret Jane Stratton, who was born in Union township, Hancock County, Ohio, September 15, 1843, and is a daughter of Thomas and Celia (Jones) Stratton, both of whom are natives of Wayne County, Ohio. Ten children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Burns, seven of whom are living, namely: Cynthia J., wife of J. C. Elliott, of Bath township; Celia Katherine, wife of Nelson Bassett, of Bath township; William, of Oklahoma; Anna Viola, wife of L. E. Bassett, of Richland township; Harry D., of Orange township, Hancock County; Edward, who lives at home; and Willard S. Mr. Burns is a Democrat, but was an adherent of the Populist party while it was in existence in Ohio. The family are members of the Disciples' Church.

**W**ILLIAM C. BELL, a member of the well-known business firm of Mosier & Bell, operators of the Mosier Steam Laundry, at Lima, was born in this city, November 24, 1870, and is a son of the late W. M. Bell, who was long one of its active business men.

Mr. Bell attended the public schools of Lima and spent three years at the University

of Notre Dame, in Indiana. After completing his education, he was associated for 11 years with F. E. Harman, following which he spent one year in the grocery business at Marysville, Ohio, and four and a half years as fireman on the C., H. & D. Railway. In June, 1903, he purchased a half interest in the Mosier Steam Laundry, to which he has since given his undivided business attention, developing it into one of the successful industries of the city. The laundry is well equipped with all modern appliances, and its work is of such a satisfactory character as to necessitate the employment of a large force. The office of the laundry is located at No. 121 West North street.

On March 28, 1897, Mr. Bell was married to Stella Craig Jones, and they have one daughter, Alice, attending school. The family home is at No. 211½ North Main street, in the Bell Block. The family is connected with the Market street Presbyterian Church, of Lima. Mr. Bell is a member of Lima Lodge, No. 162, B. P. O. E., and Lodge No. 100, K. P., of Marysville, Ohio.

**S**G. PARKS, a representative business man of the city of Lima, proprietor of large livery, feed and sale stables, at No. 216 East Market street, was born near Willshire, Van Wert County, Ohio, in 1864, being a son of Samuel and Sarah A. (Philbee) Parks.

The father of Mr. Parks was a pioneer settler of Van Wert County, locating there when the country was a wilderness. He lived into advanced age, dying in April, 1903. He married Sarah A. Philbee and they reared a family of ten children—five sons and five daughters, all of whom survive. For almost a half century both parents were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

S. G. Parks was reared on his father's farm, and was educated in the local schools. He was 24 years old when he left the farm, going to Decatur, Indiana, where for one year he engaged in a livery business. He continued to conduct a similar business at Van Wert for





MR. AND MRS. J. H. WALTER





two years, and at Willshire for two years, and, during the excitement attending the first operations in oil, operated a livery stable at Mendon, Ohio. In July, 1895, Mr. Parks purchased the livery at Spencerville and, in addition to his Mendon barn, operated two establishments at the former place. Later he sold his Mendon interests, but continued at Spencerville until 1899, when he also disposed of his business there and bought the fine establishment, of which he is still proprietor, at Lima. In addition to this prospering business, Mr. Parks has had numerous oil interests, of which he has disposed. He is a large property owner in this city, including business blocks and dwellings, located on East Market street and Central avenue. He is numbered with the city's substantial men.

On March 4, 1885, Mr. Parks was married to Hulda Royston, of Willshire township, Van Wert County, who is a daughter of Moses Royston, one of the pioneers of that county who still survives at the age of 87 years. Mr. and Mrs. Parks have two children, viz: Orla L., a student at the Lima Business College; and Pearl D., a student at the Lima High School.

**J**H. WALTER, proprietor of the South Side Planing Mill at Lima, and one of the city's well-known and substantial general contractors, was born in Wittenberg, Germany, in 1853.

Mr. Walter came to America when 17 years of age, having been educated and taught the carpenter's trade in his native land. He located in Cattaraugus County, New York, where he lived for a number of years, working at his trade and engaged in general contracting. He also owned and operated a planing and a saw-mill.

In 1901 Mr. Walter came to Lima and here he has found a good field in his specialties. He has done much in the line of general contracting, and has operated the large plant known as the South Side Planing Mill, which is situated at No. 925 South Main street. This is one of the city's important industrial plants.

On September 14, 1875, Mr. Walter was married to Mary Mann, who died without issue, August 16, 1897. On November 10, 1898, he was married to Agnes Brown, who is a daughter of George Brown, of Lima.

Politically, Mr. Walter has always been identified with the Republican party. Since coming to Lima he has accepted no political office, but while living in New York served as excise commissioner. Fraternally, he is a Royal Arch Mason. He is a member of the German Evangelical Church, but, as no organization of this religious body holds services in Lima, he attends the German Reformed Church. Portraits of Mr. and Mrs. Walter accompany this sketch.

**J**OHN LUDWIG BEUTNER, a leading agriculturist of Marion township, who carries on general farming and stock-raising on his valuable farm of 110 acres in section 23, was born at Delphos, Allen County, Ohio, February 26, 1860, and is a son of Frederick and Johanna (Frombach) Beutner.

Frederick Beutner was born near Sonneberg, in Saxe-Meiningen, Germany, February 25, 1819, and spent the usual time at school required of German children. He learned to be a shoemaker and, after deciding to seek his fortune in America, took passage in 1851 in a sailing vessel, which, after a voyage of three months, landed him in the city of New York, with 50 cents in his pocket. Fortunately for him, the individual to whom he entrusted his money, as pay for securing him employment as a shoemaker, was honest and he worked for a time in New York and then went to Buffalo, where he continued to work at shoemaking for a year. About 1853, after his marriage, Mr. Beutner and wife came to Delphos, Ohio, by way of the Lakes and the Miami and Erie Canal, and opened a shop opposite the parochial house, later removing to Main street. He also bought land. A few years ago he bought his present farm of 120 acres in section 22, Marion township, which he still owns. He



lives with his two sons, dividing his time between their homes. Having a good knowledge of land values, he has accumulated considerable property and now enjoys a comfortable competency. At Buffalo he married Johanna Frombach, who was born in Germany, September 4, 1827, came to America in young womanhood and died December 15, 1904. They have four sons, namely: Frederick and Carl, who died in infancy; and John Ludwig and Frederick Philip.

Prior to coming to the United States, Frederick Beutner traveled to many points of interest in his own and other European countries, crossing the Alps and working at his trade through Switzerland and Italy. Although now bearing the weight of 87 years, he still enjoys walking and frequently passes other pedestrians on the road when walking to Delphos, a distance of four miles. He frequently walks as much as 15 miles a day, and in summer often goes afoot to his farm in Van Wert County, west of Delphos. He is a well-known citizen and enjoys a very large measure of public esteem. He was reared a Lutheran but is a man of liberal mind, ready to see good in every religious organization. In his political views he is a Republican. He helped to develop the town of Delphos, always supporting the measures which, in his judgment, were for the welfare of the place.

John L. Beutner attended public school at Delphos and learned the shoemaker's trade with his excellent father. He is entitled to the name of self-made man, for from the age of 14 years he has depended for a livelihood entirely upon his own exertions. When he was still a boy at school he always found some profitable way in which to spend his holidays and vacations. He remembers when he was willing to work in the elevators for 20 cents a day and board himself rather than to be without work. He continued to work at shoemaking until failing health warned him to give it up and his physician recommended the open air and farm work. Hence, in 1883 he came to his present farm, on which at that time there were only a log-hut and log stable. Now all of his 110 acres, with the exception of 15, are under cultivation and he

has spent a large amount of money in making improvements. The comfortable residence and substantial farm buildings give a pleasant air of thrift and prosperity, and all the surroundings give evidence of the owner's care and attention. Mr. Beutner has made a specialty of raising driving and draft horses. He feeds a great deal of stock on the farm, deeming this a more profitable plan than to haul his grain and hay away. Mr. Beutner has put down two drains of 16-inch tile on the farm, draining each side separately.

In 1898 Mr. Beutner, who is serving his third term, was elected by the Democratic party a justice of the peace, and is probably one of the most popular officials in his section of the county. He has his office in his home, and gives a great deal of his time to performing his important duties. During all the time of his incumbency he has never had a decision reversed and some of his cases have gone to the Supreme Court. He is a friend of arbitration and his efforts at settling disputes, without invoking the machinery of the law beyond his own office, have been remarkably successful.

Mr. Beutner was married first, on March 1, 1882, to Rose Poe, of Attica, Indiana, who died March, 1900, leaving four children, viz: Poe, Lilian, Frederick and Harold. His second marriage was to Katie Huijsman, of Putnam County, on November 25, 1900, and they have two bright little daughters,—Marcella and Cornelia.

**B**. HALL, of the well-known mercantile firm of Grosjean & Hall, shoe dealers, at No. 55 Public Square, Lima, is a native of Canada, his birth occurring in 1871, just across the river from Port Huron. He was reared and educated in the Dominion, and graduated from a business college there in 1886.

Mr. Hall has been connected with the shoe business during almost his entire commercial life. In 1891, after a training in this line for several years in Canada, he went to Cincinnati, Ohio, and became associated with the firm of Mabley & Carew. He remained with them for





three years in their stores at Cincinnati and Detroit, and then located in Lima. After being employed for three years in the shoe store of H. J. Jacobson, he returned to Cincinnati and for one year was associated with The Smith, Kasson Company of that city. He was then recalled to Lima by Mr. Jacobson, of the Columbia Shoe Company, with whom he remained for two years, when he resumed his former connections in Cincinnati. From The Smith, Kasson Company he entered the service of I. L. Fuldheim for a short period. In the meantime Mr. Netzory had purchased the Columbian Shoe Store at Lima and secured the services of Mr. Hall in whom he had great confidence as a practical shoeman. Mr. Hall again returned to Lima and continued with Mr. Netzory for two years, then establishing an independent business by forming a partnership with Mr. Grosjean. The firm has a favorable location and carries a complete and carefully selected assortment of foot-wear, conducting probably one of the largest establishments in Northwestern Ohio.

In January, 1899, Mr. Hall was married to Helen Mumford, who is a daughter of A. W. Mumford, a prominent citizen of Lima, who for a number of years has been connected with the oil industry. They have one child, James R.

Mr. Hall is connected with Lima Lodge of Elks. Both members of the firm are identified with the Lima Progressive Association.

**H**ENRY M. DILLE, of the F. B. Hover Shoe Company, of Lima, was born in 1865, near the village of Kenton, Hardin County, Ohio. His father, J. M. Dille, now deceased, settled in that locality about 1830, and was one of the foremost agriculturists of the county and a soldier of the Civil War.

H. M. Dille, of this article, was reared and educated in Hardin County, and then went to Oberlin, where he took a course in telegraphy. For the following nine years he was engaged as operator for the C. & E. Railroad, coming

to Lima, in 1893, to take charge of the office at this point, and resigned the position six years later to become associated with the F. B. Hover Shoe Company. This firm conducts one of the finest shoe stores in Lima, and controls an extensive business.

Mr. Dille was married, in 1899, to May Hover, daughter of William U. Hover, a highly esteemed pioneer of this county. They have two children—Mary and Joseph. Mr. Dille is in affiliation with the Knights of Pythias, and is a consistent member of Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, of Lima.



A. COLLINS, one of Lima's prominent citizens, a member of the City Council and one of the leading insurance men, was born at Troy, Miami County, Ohio, August 6, 1862, and is a son of John and Margaret (Irvin) Collins.

The late John Collins was a valued employee of the C., H. & D. Railway for a quarter of a century. He was a man of superior mental attainments, being a thorough English and classical scholar. His death took place at Sidney, Ohio, on February 22, 1898, at the age of 86 years. His wife, whose maiden name was Margaret Irvin, still survives him at the age of 70 years, and resides with her son, John Collins, a well-known dry goods merchant, of Wapakoneta.

During his boyhood the parents of Mr. Collins removed from Miami to Shelby County, locating in the vicinity of Sidney, and there our subject was reared. He obtained his education in the parochial school connected with Holy Angels Church, and also took advantage of the public night schools. His entrance into business was with the Wagner Hardware Company; after three years of clerking he became a passenger brakeman on the C., H. & D. Railway, later being promoted to the position of freight conductor. After five years of railroad work, he resigned and accepted a position in the postal service at Lima, under Postmaster R. W. Meily, during the administration of President Cleveland. He was continued in



this position for nearly four years, resigning to become associated with The Times-Democrat Publishing Company. He continued with this corporation as circulation manager for 15 years and five months, resigning the position January 1, 1905, for a desirable connection with the O'Conner Brothers Company, with which he is still connected.

Mr. Collins has ever been one of the active and intelligent promoters of good government in Lima and has consistently supported Democratic candidates. In the fall of 1905 he was elected councilman from the Second Ward, and has frequently proven his value as a member of that civic body.

In September, 1883, Mr. Collins was married to Margaret E. O'Conner, who is a daughter of the late much lamented and highly respected John O'Conner, one of Lima's substantial citizens. They have one daughter, Carrie. Mr. Collins and his wife are members of St. Rose Catholic Church. He is associated with various organizations; is treasurer of Lima Council No. 436, Knights of Columbus, and president of Branch No. 64, Catholic Mutual Benefit Association.

**G**EORGE L. BREESE, one of the well-known farmers and successful stock-raisers of Shawnee township, was born December 8, 1851, on what is known as the old Frederick Goodwin farm, in section 4, Shawnee township, and is a son of David M. and Mary (Valentine) Breese.

The great-grandfather of Mr. Breese was born in Wales and died in Hardin County, Ohio. His grandparents, Griffith and Mary (Mowen) Breese, were born respectively in Wales and Pennsylvania. They were the founders of the family in Allen County, coming here from Butler County, Ohio, in 1832.

David M. Breese, father of George L., was born in Butler County, Ohio, February 27, 1825, and was seven years of age when his parents settled in Shawnee township, where he lived until his marriage and then settled in section 3, Shawnee township, on the Spencerville road. In 1863 he removed to his present farm

in section 10. He was a soldier during the Civil War and has always been identified with the Republican party. He married in 1849 a daughter and a granddaughter of pioneers in Ohio. She was Mary Valentine, who was born in Champaign County, Ohio, March 23, 1827, and still survives. Her father, Crane Valentine, came to Allen County, in 1832 and settled on Elm street, Lima, at a time when that section was still so much of a wilderness that wild animals came out of the forest at night and invaded it. The children of David M. and Mary Breese were: Mary E., wife of Thomas Maltbie, of Lima; George L., of this sketch, and Emmet, who died aged seven years.

George L. Breese was educated in the Shawnee township schools and assisted his father on the farm until his marriage, which occurred in 1876. He then took up agricultural pursuits on his present finely improved farm in sections 9 and 10. In addition to general farming, Mr. Breese has been an extensive stock-raiser, making a preference of Guernsey cattle and Duroc-Jersey hogs.

On September 6, 1876, Mr. Breese was married to Susan Nye, who was born in Shawnee township, and was a daughter of Jacob and Catherine Nye. Mrs. Breese died in 1896, leaving two children, viz: Clarence Nye, born December 13, 1877; and Mabel Kerr, born March 13, 1880. Clarence N. Breese is now deputy county clerk. In 1905 he married Mabel M. Kerr, daughter of George S. Kerr, of Lima.

Politically George L. Breese is a strong Republican. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is one of the active and enterprising men of Shawnee township, interested in its agricultural development and ready at all times to advance its various interests.

**J**W. MOWEN, United States referee in bankruptcy for the district comprising Putnam, Allen and Auglaize counties, with offices in the Holland Block, Lima, was born in this city in 1865, and is a son of the late Jacob R. Mowen, who was a prominent contractor and builder





at Lima and one of the early settlers in the county.

J. W. Mowen was reared and educated at Lima, and after graduating from the High School entered the University of Michigan, where in 1888 he completed the course in law. In the following year he became a member of the firm of Cunningham, Mead & Mowen, at Lima, which combination continued until 1895, when it was dissolved and the new firm of Mead & Mowen was organized, which is still in active practice. Mr. Mowen is serving his second term as a justice of the peace.

On January 2, 1905, Mr. Mowen was appointed by United States District Judge Swing, as United States referee in bankruptcy for two years, to succeed S. S. Wheeler. The appointment has given general satisfaction, as Mr. Mowen is recognized as a very able member of his profession and especially well equipped for the duties of this office.

In 1902 Mr. Mowen was married at Lima to Ethel Hoover, who is a daughter of J. G. Hoover, of Lima.

Fraternally Mr. Mowen belongs to the Improved Order of Red Men and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, being very prominent in the latter organization. During 1901 and 1902 he was district deputy grand exalted ruler for Northwestern Ohio, said district embracing some 25 Elk lodges.

**G**EORGE S. KERR, a well-known general contractor and reliable business man of Lima, was born in 1855 in Iowa, and is a son of Frank Kerr, who died in Kansas in 1885. In the Civil War the father of our subject served as a member of an Iowa regiment.

George S. Kerr was about nine years old when his parents removed to Knox County, Ohio, from Iowa, and he was reared and educated there. He assisted his father in farming until he was 22 years old and then learned the carpenter's trade which he has continued to follow almost ever since. During two years he operated a wagon and carriage shop at Vandalia, Missouri, but for the past 17 years he has been in a general contracting business and has

resided at Lima since 1881. He has built a number of the most substantial buildings in this city; the following is a partial list: Fitzgerald Block; Funk Block; Hotel Harrod; 16 houses for Henry Frueh, Thomas Duffield's residence and many other residences of the city. Mr. Kerr has had other important interests in this section, having been connected with oil production and with the Lima Creamery & Cold Storage Comuany.

In 1878 Mr. Kerr was married to Jennie Harrod, who is a daughter of Elijah Harrod, formerly one of the leading men of Knox County, of which he was recorder for 15 years. Mr. and Mrs. Kerr have three children, viz.: Mabel M., who is the wife of Clarence N. Breese, deputy county clerk of Allen County; Fred, who is a student in the Lima High School; and Robert. Mr. Kerr and family reside at No. 769 West Wayne street, Lima. They are members of the Presbyterian Church.

**N**OA H B. YANT, who was born April 27, 1827, in Rose township, Carroll County, Ohio, has been an honored resident of Allen County since 1864, when he purchased his present farm of 102 acres in section 32, Monroe township. His parents were Henry and Margaret (Stoody) Yant, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania and were of German descent. They came to Ohio in 1812 and located at first in Tuscarawas County, later moving to Carroll County where the father was killed by a horse at the age of 49 years. The grandfather of our subject was John Yant, who came to Ohio from Pennsylvania in the early days of this state and here entered land for each of his children. The ancestors of our subject were all remarkable for longevity, John Yant reaching his 93rd year, his mother passing her 96th year, and his maternal grandfather, who was a native of Germany, also reaching the ripeness of age. A sister of our subject, Mrs. Mary Redman, who resides at Canton, Ohio, is in her 85th year and her hair in which gray threads have not yet appeared retains all the luster of youth. There were 12 children in the



family, 11 of whom reached maturity. Our subject, one brother and two sisters are the only ones now living.

Noah B. Yant lived in the corner of Carroll and Stark counties until September, 1864, when he came to Allen County. Before he came here he had rented a farm and later bought land; but this was a rough, stony piece, poorly adapted to tilling and he disposed of it before moving to this county. His present farm contains 102 acres, but the railroad cuts off some, leaving about 98 acres of available land. He has built two houses on this property, one of them being occupied by a son. Mr. Yant is a good manager and an excellent farmer, devoting his entire time to this employment.

Mr. Yant was married September 11, 1851, to Druzilla Miller, of Carroll County, Ohio, by whom he has a family of seven children, viz: Samantha Ann, wife of Louis Lawrence, of Lima; Sarah Rachel, wife of Joseph Waltz, of Michigan; James M., who lives in his father's house on the farm; William H., who has been superintendent of the schools of Paulding, Ohio, for several years; Hugh M., a dry goods merchant, of Toledo; Jonathan K., who is employed in the Lima Postoffice; and Frank, who died at the age of five years. On November 1, 1897, Mr. Yant was married to Mrs. Margaret Cline, widow of Tobias Cline and daughter of Charles Banks. Mr. Yant is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and has been trustee of the same for a number of years. He is now and has been for many years a Republican. He was a member of the Know Nothing party during its short life and cast his first Republican vote for John C. Fremont.



LARENCE N. BREESE, deputy county clerk of Allen County, and one of the enterprising and successful young business men of Lima, was born in Shawnee township, Allen County, Ohio, December 13, 1877, and is a son of George L. Breese, and grandson of David M. Breese, of whom sketches appear in another part of this work.

Clarence N. Breese obtained his elemen-

tary education in the schools of Shawnee township and then spent three years in the Ohio State University at Columbus. Prior to this he had taught school for several years. Immediately after leaving college he entered into business. For eight months he capably managed a large creamery located at Lithopolis, Ohio, and then was connected for six months with the Lima Creamery & Cold Storage Company, to which business he and his father succeeded, his father being a practical dairyman. They increased the plant's capacity and continued associated in the business until our subject was appointed deputy county clerk. He is a young man of business enterprise and has numerous important interests in Allen County.

In 1905 Mr. Breese was married to Mabel M. Kerr, who is a daughter of George S. Kerr, one of the leading general contractors of Lima.

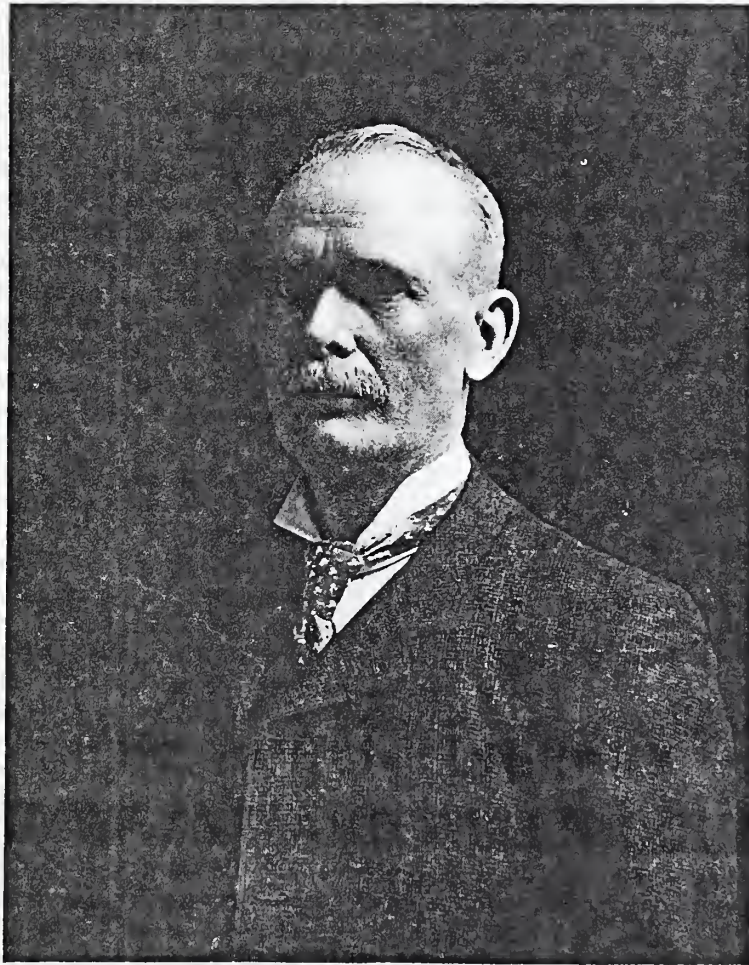
For eight years Mr. Breese was a member of Company C, Second Regiment, Ohio National Guard, and during the Spanish-American War was in service with his company for 10 months—in camp at Chickamauga and Knoxville, and later at Macon, Georgia, being mustered out as a corporal of his company, on February 10, 1898. Upon the reorganization of the company after the war, Mr. Breese was appointed 1st sergeant. He is a member of the United Spanish War Veterans, of the Elks and of the Knights of Pythias, at present holding the position of representative of the K. of P. lodge to the Grand Lodge, having formerly been chancellor commander. During his university life he joined the Alpha Zeta Greek-letter fraternity.



CHRISTIAN LEHMAN, deceased, who died on his farm of 240 acres, situated partly in German and partly in Sugar Creek township, on March 31, 1901, was one of the honorable and prominent farmers of this locality for a number of years, a man who was respected by all who knew him. He was born May 27, 1828, in Franklin County, Pennsylvania, and was a son of Joseph and Catherine Lehman.







IRA P. CARNES



The parents of Christian Lehman came to Ohio and settled in Columbiana County, when he was eight years old, and in 1849 the family came to Allen County and settled on a farm of 160 acres in section 23, German township. To this was later added a tract of 40 acres situated in section 3, Sugar Creek township and, still later, 40 acres more in German township, the aggregate being 240 acres of excellent land. The parents passed away on this farm and were laid to rest in the Sugar Creek Mennonite Cemetery.

Christian Lehman learned the carpenter's trade in his youth and worked at the same for some 20 years and then turned his attention to farming. He resided on the homestead, which he acquired, until the close of his life.

Christian Lehman married Susanna Lehman, a daughter of Christian and Elizabeth (Bookwater) Lehman, who came from Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, to Richland County, Ohio, and settled in Allen County in 1848. Mrs. Lehman was born November 16, 1830. Although she is the mother of 13 children, she retains her health and activity and takes an interested part in household affairs and in church work. The children were: Simon, who died aged five years; Joseph, who works as a carpenter in Lima; Elizabeth, who married John Barnes, resides in Kansas and has one daughter, Lydia Belle; Adeline, who married Peter Zuercher, lives in Sugar Creek township and has these children—Eno, Salome, Leroy, Christian and Cora; Hosanna, who died at the age of 33 years; Elzina, who died aged 21 years; Rachel, who married Christopher Good, formerly of Kansas, but now of Sugar Creek township, and has these children—Ira, Irvin, Jesse and Susanna; Daniel, who superintends the work on the home farm and in season operates a steam thresher, work in which he has been engaged for six years past; Lydia, Isabella and Henry, who reside at home; Kate, who died at the age of 30 years; and George, who resides at Pandora, Ohio.

The family belong to the Mennonite Church, in which Mr. Lehman was a deacon for many years. His life was one of quiet usefulness and he is recalled with feelings of affection and esteem.

**I**RA P. CARNES, vice-president of The Lima Locomotive & Machine Company and vice-president of the Lima Pork Packing Company, is one of the city's representative business men. He was born at East Barre, Washington County, Vermont, in 1850, and is the eldest son of John and Mary (Baldwin) Carnes.

Mr. Carnes was a child of three years when his parents moved to Sycamore, Ohio, and shortly after to Upper Sandusky, where his father was the owner of a foundry and machine shop. He attended school in both these cities, always being considered a very apt student, especially in mathematics. Like his father and grandfather, he early showed a mechanical talent and from boyhood took an interest in machinery; after 1869, when his parents settled at Lima, he was constantly employed in the shop of Carnes, Agerter & Company. The father, as related in a sketch which will be found in this volume, was the founder of the Lima Locomotive Works, which succeeded the firm of Carnes, Agerter & Company. When this reorganization took place, Ira P. Carnes became a member of the firm and since then he has been one of the important factors in shaping the business course of this immense concern. In addition to the important duties pertaining to this office, he has other interests, one of these being the vice-presidency of the Lima Pork Packing Company, another institution of which Lima is justly proud. He has also been connected with the Lima Home & Savings Association since its organization. In all that concerns the welfare of the city he takes an intelligent and public spirited interest and is numbered with the most progressive as well as most popular men of the city. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

In 1880 Mr. Carnes was married to Louisa Wuichet, of Dayton, Ohio, and to them were born two children—Sabine and Walter. Mrs. Carnes died in January, 1885. Mr. Carnes was again married, in 1889, to Anna Robb, sister of Hon. Theodore D. Robb, mayor of Lima. They have one child, John, who is named for his grandfather, John Carnes. A portrait of Ira P. Carnes accompanies this sketch.





**E**G. CONNER, a member of the wholesale and retail millinery firm of Light & Conner, of Lima, is one of the city's prominent and substantial citizens. He is a native of Perry County, Ohio, born in 1871, and is a son of Rev. William H. Conner, who is the pastor of the First Congregational Church, at Portland, Indiana.

E. G. Conner was seven years old when his parents settled in Elida, Ohio, and his education was all secured in the schools of Allen County. When but a youth he learned the printing business and for some 10 years worked on various newspapers in Ohio and Indiana. In April, 1901, he returned to Lima, and in the July following became a member of the firm of Light & Conner. The house does an immense business, both wholesale and retail, and is recognized throughout the State as absolutely reliable.

In 1895 Mr. Conner was married to Irene C. Light, who is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Light, who have been residents of Lima for the past 14 years and are the senior members of the millinery firm of Light & Conner. Mr. and Mrs. Conner have two children—Helen Isabel and Eugene Frantz. The former is a talented child, a remarkable elocutionist for one of her age.

Mr. and Mrs. Conner are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Conner being a member of the board of trustees and a steward in Trinity Church, Lima. Fraternally he is a member of the Knights of the Macabees.

**J**L. ANDREWS has been a resident of Lima for almost 20 years and during the entire period has been a powerful factor in pushing the various industrial enterprises of the city and, by his own example in kindling the interest and enthusiasm of others until success was assured. Although a careful business man he is, at the same time, progressive and enterprising, and his name may be found among the stockholders of many of Lima's leading institutions. Mr. Andrews was born in July, 1849, in Pittsfield,

Warren County, Pennsylvania, and was there educated and developed into manhood. At an early age he engaged in the production of oil in his native State, and continued in business there until 1887.

At that time the industry was in its infancy in this county, and Mr. Andrews soon took advantage of the situation by removing to Lima and contracting for the production of oil. He located here in November, 1887, and the oil industry at once began to assume activity, continuing to increase until it has reached its present importance. Mr. Andrews is now operating in the Indiana oil field, but his business interests have extended until they embrace shares in the East Iron & Machine Company, First National Bank, A. B. Klay Company (of which he is director), The National Roofing Tile Company, and a number of other enterprises.

In 1878, Mr. Andrews was married to Rosalia A. Porter, daughter of the late A. V. Porter, of Warren County, Pennsylvania. Two children were born to this union: Blanche, who is the wife of George S. Moffat, D. D. S., of Pittsburg, Kansas, and Orren L., a student of Purdue University, class of 1907. For several years Mr. Andrews was trustee of Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, of Lima, of which he is a devout member. He is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias of this city, and is also prominent in Masonic circles, being a member of the Blue Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery at Lima, Antioch Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Dayton, and Lake Erie Consistory, S. P. R. S., at Cleveland.

**B**ERT WOHLGEMUTH, proprietor of the California Wine Company, wholesale and retail dealers in choice wines and liquors, at Lima, occupies a prominent place among the city's successful business men. He was born in Hungary in 1860.

Mr. Wohlgemuth was 15 years of age when he emigrated to America and he is a noteworthy example of a self-made man. After



reaching the United States he went immediately to Cincinnati, and began his business career by carrying a pack and selling goods throughout the country. In three years he had accumulated a little capital, which he invested in Chillicothe by associating himself with the firm of Feldman & Company, dealers in fancy dry goods, with whom he continued for nine years. In 1886 he came to Lima and, with Mr. Feldman, established the firm of Feldman & Company. For two years he was in sole charge of the business, when his brother, Jonas Wohlgenuth, also became associated in the enterprise. The firm has continued here for the past 19 years, occupying a local position second to none in its line of business. Seven years ago its scope was expanded and removal was made to the present quarters, Nos. 211-213 North Main street, adjoining the old stand.

On November 1, 1905, Mr. Wohlgenuth purchased the business of the California Wine Company, wholesale and retail dealers in fine wines and liquors, at No. 135 South Main street. This is a well-established business and requires the constant services of four traveling representatives to visit the trade in all portions of the United States.

In 1898 Mr. Wohlgenuth was married to Martha Schachne, of Chillicothe, Ohio. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias and of the Royal Arcanum. Personally he is a man of fine business perceptions and of pleasant, genial nature, and is held in high esteem by the residents of Lima.

**P**ETER ZIMMERLY was born in Riley township, Putnam County, Ohio, February 2, 1839, but has been an honored resident of Allen County since 1868, when he moved to Richland township and purchased his present farm of 120 acres, located in section 10. Mr. Zimmerly is a son of John and Anna (Berner) Zimmerly, both of whom were natives of Alsace, France. The father, who was born about 1780, came to America when a young man, locating first in Wayne County, Ohio, and

later in Putnam County, where he died in 1855. He had entered a quarter-section of land in Riley township, most of which he had cleared and put under cultivation. It was in this county he met and married Anna Berner, who was born in 1801 and came to this country when a young woman with her mother and a party of emigrants. She passed away on the homestead on March 23, 1895, at the ripe age of 93 years, 11 months and 18 days, leaving three children and a large circle of friends to regret her death. Our subject is the eldest son. John has passed to the higher life. Christopher lives on the homestead in Riley township, Putnam County, and is a preacher of the Mennonite faith.

Peter Zimmerly spent the earlier years of his life in his native county where he was married on May 5, 1868, to Annie Bixel, who was born in Holmes County, Ohio, in 1842, and was a daughter of Peter and Fannie (Dealer) Bixler. Soon after his marriage, Mr. Zimmerly came with his bride to Allen County to make a home for himself. Three children have blessed their home, namely: John, who resides in Richland township; Lucinda, wife of William Balmer, of Richland township; and Eli, who lives in Bluffton. Mrs. Zimmerly died in 1881, and in 1882 our subject was married to Mary Ann Kiner, who was born in Canton Bern, Switzerland, August 4, 1858, and came to America when a young girl of 17 years, accompanied by two brothers. Her parents were John and Barbara (Zurgher) Kiner. Mrs. Zimmerly has borne her husband seven children, viz.: Ida, wife of Frederick Kratz, of Pandora, Ohio; Maggie, who lives at home; Elvina, Llewellyn, Clara, Melvin and Mary Ann. All the members of the family can understand and speak English perfectly; but when at home they converse wholly in German in order that the younger members may be thorough in their knowledge and use of that tongue. Mr. Zimmerly is one of the influential and prosperous farmers of Richland township, and has his farm well improved, the land being all under cultivation except some 12 acres of woodland pasture. He raises large quantities of grain and also deals quite exten-





sively in stock. He is a member of the Menonite Church and a good man. A Democrat in politics, he has served as a member of the School Board and also as road commissioner.



ALTER E. GRAY, an extensive oil operator in various fields, whose home is in Lima, was born in 1851 at Covington, Kentucky, and is a son of Francis Gray.

Francis Gray was a large woolen manufacturer for 50 years, and during half of this period was located at Piqua, Ohio, where he was very prominent in business and public life. During the Civil War he raised a company of Home Guards which was called upon for service. He was prominent in Masonry for half a century.

When an infant, Walter E. Gray was taken to Cynthiana, Kentucky, where his parents lived during his boyhood and school days. In 1865 they returned to Covington and subsequently located at Piqua, Ohio. In his father's mills at the latter place, our subject first found employment, remaining there for about five years. In 1881 he accompanied his father to Lima, and they founded the handle factory which they sold in 1882 to O. B. Selfridge & Company. Mr. Gray then embarked in a mercantile business which he carried on until the fall of 1885, when he disposed of it in order to give attention to the oil industry. These interests have been expanded and he is connected with the Planet Oil Company, which operates extensively in various fields—the Trenton rock of Ohio and Indiana, the Canadian fields and also rich California fields. The company is interested in quite a number of productive wells.

Mr. Gray was married October 19, 1881, to Ida N. Dalzell, who is a daughter of Isaac Dalzell, one of the oldest settlers of the county. Mr. and Mrs. Gray have one daughter—Mary J., an accomplished young lady, who is a graduate of Mount Vincent Academy, of Price Hill, Cincinnati. Mr. Gray and family belong to the Protestant Episcopal Church. Like his father, Mr. Gray is prominently identified with

the various Masonic bodies, being a member of Blue Lodge, Council, Chapter and Commandery. He is one of the city's enterprising men of business, takes part in its various public-spirited movements, and assists in upholding Lima's reputation as a great commercial center.



LAIR B. WELLS, proprietor of livery, feed and sale stables at Lima, St. Marys and LaFayette, Ohio, is a very large buyer and seller of fancy saddle and driving horses, and one of the best authorities in this line in the State. He was born at Wauseon, Fulton County, Ohio, in 1878, and is a son of J. G. Wells, a large real estate dealer of that place.

Although Mr. Wells was born in Ohio, his rearing was in the West, his parents migrating to Colorado and to Kansas. When he was about 19 years of age he returned to Ohio, completed his school course in the Lima High School, and in 1900 graduated from the Lima Business College. For some time he was engaged as a stenographer and later associated in a grocery business. From boyhood he had evinced the qualities of a natural horseman. During his residence in Kansas City this tendency had induced him to take lessons in the training of horses and in the teaching of the art of horsemanship, so that, after disposing of his grocery interests in 1903, he established his present business at Lima. From the first he was successful and now has branch stables at LaFayette and St. Marys. He has enlarged the scope of the business, and now owns a garage both at Lima and St. Marys, keeping a large line of automobiles of every description. He is thorough and scientific in his training of fine horses, and his stables are known to turn out only reliable, well-trained animals. At one time he owned a fine Arabian team, which he sold to Cleveland parties. Outside of his stables he has other business interests, and is one of the most enterprising young business men in this section of the State.

In 1901 Mr. Wells was married to Ger-



trude Reis, who is a daughter of M. C. Reis, deceased, a conductor on the Lake Erie & Western Railroad. She is a charming and accomplished lady.

Mr. Wells is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and the Young Men's Christian Association, and is identified with the First Christian Church.

**R**EUBEN SHINDOLLER, whose handsome modern home stands within its neat iron fence and surrounded by a beautiful lawn, on a valuable piece of property just outside the corporation limits of Spencerville, where Mr. Shindoller owns a 20-acre farm, in section 11, Spencer township, was born in Delaware County, Ohio, May 25, 1839. His parents were Michael and Frederika (Yager) Shindoller.

The parents of Mr. Shindoller were quiet, farming people in Delaware County. The father died in 1846, leaving his widow to rear as best she could a family of 10 children. Her duty was nobly performed, and the seven who still survive unite in recalling her many virtues and the sacrifices she was willing to make in order to rear them to useful lives. She passed away on October 20, 1878. Our subject and seven of his brothers served in the army during the Civil War. Henry was a member of Company E, 66th Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf.; John, late a resident of Delaware, Ohio, was a member of the 83rd Regiment, Illinois Vol. Inf., and died January 13, 1906; Louis was a member of Company E, 66th Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf.; William was a member of Company H, Fourth Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf.; David was a member of the Fourth Regiment, Ohio Vol. Inf.; and Samuel was a member of the 171st Regiment, Ohio Vol. Inf. One sister, Mrs. Loren Miller, of Delaware, Ohio, still survives.

There are easier things in life than to be left fatherless at the age of 10 years and, with this, to be almost entirely dependent for life and fortune upon one's own efforts. This was the situation which faced our subject. Necessarily his education was a limited one, but he grew to young manhood strong and stal-

wart, a trained farmer. The opening of the Civil War turned the attention of our subject and his brothers from the peaceful pursuits which had hitherto claimed their energies. On May 25, 1861, Mr. Shindoller enlisted at Peoria, Illinois, as a private in the 17th Regiment, Illinois Vol. Inf., and bravely, cheerfully and honorably served until May 25, 1866. He was attached to the 17th Army Corps, Army of the Mississippi, a part of the great force which did much of the strenuous fighting of the war. Mr. Shindoller participated in the battles of Fredericktown, (Maryland), Fort. Donelson, Shiloh, Vicksburg and Mobile, and in the miles of weary marching and counter-marching, skirmishing and guard duty which made up a soldier's life.

After his return from the army, in the spring of 1868, Mr. Shindoller moved to Auglaize County, where he secured 77 acres of Woodland on the old Ridge road, near the Allen County line. This land he cleared and engaged in farming until he removed, in 1891, to Spencer township. As mentioned above, he occupies a handsome home which he erected here. The substantial barn was already a feature, but the comfortable home was made after Mr. Shindoller's own ideas and is modern throughout. It attracts favorable notice, with its air of comfort and well kept-lawn.

In 1864 Mr. Shindoller was united in marriage with Catharine Webb. Although they have no children of their own, they have generously reared a boy and girl, the latter still being an inmate of their household. The former, William Webb, resides in Spencerville. Mr. and Mrs. Shindoller are members of the Christian Church, in which he is a trustee. He is a member of and takes much interest in Fair Post, No. 322, G. A. R., of Spencerville.



**M**U. BASINGER. One of the leading business men of Lima is M. U. Basinger, whose large jewelry establishment is situated at No. 63 Public Square, and who is an experienced manufacturer in this line as well as a dealer in cut glass and diamonds. Mr. Bas-





inger is a native of Putnam County, Ohio, born in 1868.

Mr. Basinger remained on the home farm until he had reached the age of 19 years, alternately farming and attending the local schools. He accompanied his mother when she removed to Ada, and remained there three years, coming then to Lima. At that time one \$5 bill represented his capital in money, but in addition he possessed youth, health, ambition and persistent industry, and, in time, this strong combination of qualities brought about a large degree of prosperity. For the first six months, after contracting with D. A. McComb, then a leading jeweler of Lima, the young man worked for the sum of \$4 per week. By the end of the period, his employer realized that he had secured an honest, intelligent, capable and industrious assistant, and was willing to retain him on a living salary. Mr. Basinger remained until 1893, when Mr. McComb retired and was succeeded by the firm of Basinger & Company, its members being M. U. Basinger and William Melville. This partnership lasted until 1897, when Mr. Basinger sold his interest to his partner and founded an independent business. He continued alone for one year and then associated himself with Mr. Cameron, the firm remaining as Basinger & Cameron until February, 1903. Then Mr. Basinger sold his interest to Mr. Cameron, and in the following May opened his present fine establishment on the Public Square. He conducts a very large business in the manufacturing line, and carries a valuable stock of jewelry, cut glass and expensive gems. He is also interested in other business enterprises, one of these being the Humane Horse Shoe Company.

On September 25, 1895, Mr. Basinger was married to Blanche Douglass, who for some five years previously had been a teacher in the Lima schools, and is a daughter of J. C. Douglass, of Forest, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Basinger have two children—Warren and Helen. Mr. Basinger is a member of the Market Street Presbyterian Church, of which he is an elder and the treasurer. His fraternal relations are with the Tribe of Ben Hur, Modern Woodmen of America and Knights of Pythias.



J. WEADOCK, attorney-at-law, a member of the law firm of Motter, Mackenzie & Weadock, of Lima, was born in this city on September 4, 1873, and is a son of the late Dr. T. M.

Weadock.

The father of Mr. Weadock was a native of Canada and at the time of his death, January 20, 1905, was one of the oldest practitioners of medicine in Lima. He was a graduate of the medical department of the University of Michigan, and settled at Lima in 1870.

J. J. Weadock received his early education in the local schools, the parochial school at Sidney, Ohio, and St. Rose Parochial School at Lima, graduating from the Lima High School, in 1892, and from Assumption College, at Sandwich, Ontario, in 1894. Two years later he graduated from the law department of the University of Michigan, and at once passed the bar examination at Columbus, Ohio, which admitted him to practice in this State. He entered into practice alone, but afterward was associated for one year with Kent Hughes, and since 1900 has been a member of the strong firm of Motter, Mackenzie & Weadock.

Mr. Weadock was married June 24, 1903, to Mollie Cunningham, who was born and reared in Lima.

In political sentiment, Mr. Weadock is a Democrat and has always taken an active interest in party matters. Fraternally he is a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Catholic Knights of Ohio, the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Knights of St. John. He belongs to St. Rose Catholic Church and is the director of the choir.



MADISON EDGECOMB, a retired farmer of Beaver Dam, is one of the substantial, influential men of the county and formerly lived on the old Edgecomb homestead in Richland township. He owns the adjoining farm of 120 acres in section 31. Mr. Edgecomb was born in Bath township, Allen County,



Ohio, June 9, 1850, and is a son of Marquis and Hannah (Everett) Edgecomb. His paternal grandparents were Uriah and Elizabeth (Doud) Edgecomb, both of whom were of English descent. Lord William Henry Edgecomb, of England, is a relative of our subject and his photograph is among the family pictures which adorn the Edgecomb home. The name was originally spelled "Edgcumbe."

Marquis Edgecomb was born December 11, 1826, in Trumbull County, Ohio, and was a lad of five years when his parents settled in Bath township, this county. He was one of 13 children, 12 of whom grew to maturity. By occupation he was a farmer, though he also ran a hotel at Beaver Dam for about five years. He was a member of the Home Guards during the Civil War and was at all times a patriotic citizen. His wife, Hannah Everett, was a daughter of Jacob and Betsey (Bush) Everett, and was born November 9, 1826, near Solon, New York. Her parents came to this county when she was a girl of 12 years and she has been a resident here ever since. She has made her home with our subject since the death of her husband on May 20, 1901. The children born to this worthy couple were as follows: Sarah Ann, who died in infancy; Madison; Margaret Ann (Phillips), deceased; Elisha, who died in his 21st year; Betsey M., deceased, who married P. R. Bailey; Sarah Priscilla, who died at the age of five years; George Washington, of Lima; and William, born December 25, 1874, who resides on the homestead at Beaver Dam.

Madison Edgecomb resided continuously on the same farm from 1857 to 1891. In addition to general farming, he has engaged in the production of oil, having nine wells on his land, which yield a handsome income. In 1900 he bought his present residence in Beaver Dam—a cozy, pleasant home and the most attractive in the village. Mr. Edgecomb was at one time interested in a flouring mill which he, with others, operated for three or four years in Beaver Dam. He has been twice married; first, on December 19, 1872, to Philena M. Barnhard, who was born in Knox County, Ohio, February 24, 1855, and died February

8, 1882. There were two children by this union, both of whom, Orrin and Virgil, are deceased. On June 5, 1884, Mr. Edgecomb married his present wife, Mrs. Mollie (Frisbie) Fee, widow of the late James M. Fee. Mrs. Edgecomb is a daughter of Lewis and Nancy (Trout) Frisbie, and was born in Licking County, this State, September 6, 1855. They have no children. Mr. Edgecomb does not take an active part in politics, but supports with his vote the Republican party.

**A**DOLPH WEIXELBAUM, one of the leading newspaper men of Northwestern Ohio, publisher of *Der Lima Courier*, was born in Germany in 1855, and is a son of the late Moses Weixelbaum, formerly a teacher in Germany, who resided in America for 10 years previous to his death.

Our subject was 16 years old when he came to America, having already completed the common-school course. At Ironton, Ohio, he entered the printing office connected with a German newspaper, and there remained four years, in which period he thoroughly mastered the trade. Going then to Akron, he was foreman of a German paper there for another four years, when he removed to Wooster, where he established a German paper which he continued to publish until he came to Lima and purchased *Der Lima Courier*. Under his management it has become the leading German newspaper in this section of the State, being ably edited and liberally supported. In connection with his newspaper, Mr. Weixelbaum operates a first-class job-printing office. His place of business is located at No. 312 North Main street, Lima. He takes a prominent part in the political discussions of this section of the State and his paper has great influence.

Mr. Weixelbaum was married (first) in 1880, to Jennie Stern, who died in 1891, leaving four children, viz: Harry, who is a commercial traveler in the South for a New York business house; Milton, who is in the cigar business at Lima; Gertrude, who is a popular





teacher in the Lima schools; and Martha, who resides at home. Mr. Weixelbaum was married (second) in 1894 to Esther Goldwater, of New York, and they have two children—Selma and Elsie.

Mr. Weixelbaum is a member of the Elks and the Maccabees, as well as a number of the local German organizations of a social and charitable nature. He is also identified with the Lima Progressive Association, having always taken an active interest in all public enterprises. In all his relations, whether public, professional or private, he is highly esteemed.

**A**DAM V. PFEIFER, deceased, was a successful farmer of German township, and later a highly respected resident of Elida, where his death took place, after a short illness, on November 23, 1903. He was born at Ash Grove, German township, Allen County, Ohio, January 19, 1853, and was a son of Nicholas and Eva Pfeifer.

Mr. Pfeifer was reared on his father's farm and during all his active years carried on agricultural operations. He was married October 31, 1875, to Bertha Crites, a daughter of Daniel L. and Martha (John) Crites, and a granddaughter of Charles and Sophia Crites. The last named were early settlers in Allen County, coming from Pickaway County, and founded a numerous and prominent family. Daniel L. Crites was one of the leading Democratic politicians of his day and filled county and township offices. He served as deputy under Auditor William Dowling, in the old Court House at Lima, and later was deputy and still later county clerk of Allen County. He died March 30, 1885, leaving a property aggregating 106 acres, 42 acres of which are located in Elida, south of the railroad, the remainder being just beyond the corporation limits. This property was left to his widow and his two daughters—Mrs. Tirzah Sanford, wife of M. J. Sanford, of Lima, and Mrs. A. V. Pfeifer.

Immediately after marriage Mr. and Mrs. Pfeifer lived on a farm owned by Mr. Crites,

which was situated about a quarter of a mile east of Elida. Four years later they moved to another tract, just across the street, and then established themselves in the residence still occupied by Mrs. Pfeifer and family. This is now a home with modern comforts, having undergone much improvement in the past 10 years. Mr. Pfeifer is survived by his wife and these of his children, namely: Emery Crites, born October 9, 1878, who conducts the home farm; India L., born April 21, 1884; Mildred, born October 20, 1890; and Beulah, born September 15, 1886, who died August 12, 1887.

The family are members of the Lutheran Church at Elida, in which Mr. Pfeifer was a deacon and trustee for many years. He was a man of upright character, quiet and unostentatious in manner and commanding the respect of all that knew him.

**G**EORGE L. DAVIS, who has been a resident of Lima since the spring of 1899, is interested in oil production and also owns some valuable property in the city, as well as in Auglaize County. He was born in May, 1851, near Auburn, the county seat of Cayuga County, New York, and remained there until his 17th year, when he entered the oil field of Pennsylvania. In a short time he was taking contracts for drilling oil-wells, and met with great success in the several States in which he operated. In 1873 he extended his operations to Ecuador, South America, where, for about two years, he was engaged in drilling deep wells to furnish the inhabitants with a much needed supply of water. About 1893 he began operations as an independent oil producer, and has since been thus engaged.

In 1899 Mr. Davis moved to Lima and invested largely in real estate. Besides his handsome home on Spring street, he owns the Hotel Manhattan property in the heart of the city. It is the intention of Mr. Davis to remodel this building during the next few months, add a number of rooms to meet the growing demands



of the business, and make it in every way worthy of the large patronage it now enjoys. Mr. Davis owns a fine farm of 227½ acres in Auglaize County, Ohio, which is devoted to stock-raising and has gained him a good reputation as a breeder of fine roadsters and draft horses. He also raises large numbers of cattle, hogs and sheep, and conducts his farming along profitable lines.

Mr. Davis was married, in 1877, to Mary Tuller, of Irving, New York. They have two sons—George L., Jr., who resides in Indiana, and Carl L., of Lima. Mr. Davis is a prominent Mason, being a member of Lima Council No. 20, R. & S. M., and Shawnee Commandery, No. 14, K. T., of Lima; Ohio Sovereign Consistory, S. P. R. S., of Cincinnati; and Antioch Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Dayton.

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**P**HILIP J. HOFFERBERT was born in Greensburg, Pennsylvania, July 21, 1858, and three years later came with his parents to Allen County, Ohio, settling in Monroe township where they have since lived.

His parents were Peter and Phoebe (Weaver) Hofferbert.

Peter Hofferbert was born in Hessen, Darmstadt, Germany, in 1834, and when a young man of about 18 years came to the United States, locating in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. Here he was married to Phoebe Weaver, who was born in Pennsylvania about 1811 and died in March, 1893. He had learned the trade of butcher in his native land, but after coming to Allen County he devoted his time to agriculture and acquired three farms comprising 280 acres, of which he died possessed in March, 1895, just two years after the decease of his devoted wife. He was a loyal Republican and served nine months in the Civil War. A member of the German Evangelical Church, he endeavored to live consistently in accordance with his belief. He held a high place in the regard of his fellow-men and was trustee of his township for two terms, discharging his duties conscientiously and with

ability. His children were as follows: Annie E., who owns 40 acres of land in Monroe township and is a resident of Lima; John L., who resides in Sugar Creek township where he owns 80 acres; Philip J.; William L., who owns 80 acres in Monroe township and a son that died in infancy.

Philip J. Hofferbert has resided continuously on his present farm since 1861, remaining with his parents until his 25th year, and then taking up the cultivation of 80 acres of the homestead in section 18, which he afterward purchased of his father. He was married at this time, in 1884, and at once took his bride to the home he had prepared for her, and which he has since improved and beautified, as only the thrifty farmer ever does, by planting small fruit, shade and fruit trees, and erecting attractive and comfortable buildings. He is engaged in general farming, though he also raises considerable stock. Mrs. Hofferbert, who was formerly Catherine Bernius, was born November 28, 1862, near the city of Dayton, Ohio. Her parents were George and Elizabeth (Reitzel) Bernius, both of whom were natives of Germany where they grew to adult years before coming to the United States. They were married soon after their arrival. Six children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Hofferbert, namely: Elmer George; Lily Grace; Alta Malinda; Naomi A.; Clarence P.; and Catherine Elizabeth. Mr. Hofferbert is a member of the German Evangelical Church. In politics he is a Republican and has held a number of local offices. He is a practical, progressive farmer and has recently added to his home farm an adjoining tract of 50 acres, which lies in section 13, Sugar Creek township, Putnam County.

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**R**C. EASTMAN, member of the law firm of Prophet & Eastman, of Lima, was born June 1, 1851, in Auglaize township, Allen County, Ohio, and is a son of Jonathan Owen and Rachel A. (Huston) Eastman.

The father of Mr. Eastman was a native of New Jersey, coming to Licking County, Ohio,





in 1815, and to Allen County in 1839. He was a blacksmith by trade and also engaged in farming. He married Rachel A. Huston, a daughter of James Huston, who became a resident of this county in 1830, coming from Pennsylvania. Mr. Huston at one time owned the southwestern portion of the farm on which the County Infirmary now stands. He subsequently moved to Lima, and lived and died in the residence on Wayne street, now occupied by D. C. Richmond. James Huston's father was also named James, and was a cousin of Sam Houston, of Texas.

R. C. Eastman received his primary education in the district schools of Auglaize township, and in 1874 was graduated from the Ohio Normal University at Ada, with the degree of A. B. He then entered upon the study of the law with Cunningham & Brotherton, of Lima, and taught school at intervals prior to his admission to the bar in 1877. He then went to Michigan, practiced for a few months at Bangor, after which he returned to Lima, where, on February 2, 1878, he entered into partnership with Col. H. S. Prophet. This connection has continued, constituting the oldest law firm in Northwestern Ohio.

Ever since locating at Lima and entering upon what has proven a successful professional career, Mr. Eastman has been prominent in civic affairs. From 1882 to 1883 he was a member of the City Council, and for nearly a quarter of a century he has been a member of the City Board of School Examiners. In 1905 he was elected city solicitor of Lima, an office for which he is eminently qualified. For a long period the firm of Prophet & Eastman have been attorneys for the Citizens' Loan & Building Company, and, for the past 22 years, the legal representatives of The Lima Locomotive and Machine Company.

In 1878 Mr. Eastman was married to Leah Beery, of Miami County, Ohio, and they have four children, viz: Bessie, who is a teacher in the Lima public schools; Earl B., who is in the oil fields of Indian Territory; Fred E., who is at college at Wooster, Ohio; and Helen, who is a student in the Lima schools.

Prior to the adoption of the gold platform

by the Republicans at their national convention of 1896, Mr. Eastman was a staunch advocate of their principals, having in the previous year been the choice of his party for Representative; but since the adoption of the gold plank by the St. Louis convention he has earnestly advocated the policies of what is known as the Bryan Democracy.

Mr. Eastman is a member of the Allen County Bar Association and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. For a number of years he has been connected with the Market Street Presbyterian Church and has served as a member of its board of trustees and has been an active worker in the Sunday-school.



B. VAN NOTE, M. D., president of the Allen County Medical Society, a member of the Ohio State Medical Society, the American Medical Association and the American Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology, is one of the eminent men of his profession in Northwestern Ohio, and the leading specialist at Lima, in diseases of the eye, ear and throat. He was born at Lebanon, Warren County, Ohio, in 1867, and is a son of the late W. H. Van Note. He comes of Revolutionary ancestry. His great-grandfather, Jacob Van Note, served in the American Army and died in Monmouth County, New Jersey, from wounds received in the service.

W. B. Van Note secured his early education in the Lebanon schools and spent one year in the Lima High School. He then passed a few months as clerk in a jewelry store, prior to entering the Chicago Ophthalmic College, from which he graduated in 1888. For a short time he engaged in practice, in connection with the jewelry business, but in 1891 began the reading of medicine under Dr. Brooks, in 1892 entering the medical department of the University of Southern California, at Los Angeles. He opened an optician's office at San Diego, but in 1893 returned to Lima, and shortly afterward entered the Medical College of Ohio, Cincinnati, where he was graduated with his full medical degree in April, 1895.





JACOB HEFNER



MRS. CHRISTINA H. HEFNER





Dr. Van Note then went to Europe to pursue advanced studies along the special lines in which he was most interested, and in May, 1895, became a student in the medical department of the Frederick Wilhelm University, at Berlin. During his stay there he became a member of the Berlin Anglo-American Medical Society. Going thence to London, during 1896 he was junior assistant in the Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital, subsequently becoming one of the fortunate students accepted by Professor Hayek, at Vienna, who is probably the most skilled instructor in diseases of the nose and throat in the world. During his years of residence on the Continent he visited the various clinics in the great cities and also studied various phases of disease in Italy, France and Switzerland. His devotion to his profession has resulted in making him one of its leaders and his reputation is not confined to his native State. Although skilled in every branch of medicine and surgery, following the professional methods of the day, he devotes himself exclusively to diseases of the eye, ear and nose. Dr. Van Note is consulting oculist to the Lima Hospital and the U. S. Pension Bureau, and lecturer on the eye in the Lima Training School for Nurses.

Dr. Van Note was married April 11, 1899, to Margaret B. Ellis, who was born at Randolph, New York, and is a daughter of Col. L. F. Ellis, an officer in the Civil War and a man prominent in military life. They have a beautiful home on Lakewood avenue.

Dr. Van Note is one of the city's public-spirited citizens, a member of the Lima Progressive Association and one of the capitalists who donated Faurot Park to the city. He is a member of the Shawnee Country Club, and is identified with the Masons and Knights of Pythias.

**J**ACOB HEFNER, who is one of the most extensive agriculturists of this county, owning 365 acres of land in sections 19, 20, 21 and 22, Jackson township, was born in Ross County, this State, April 22, 1832. His parents were Isaac and Mary (May) Hefner, both natives of Penn-

sylvania, where the former was born in 1809, and the latter in 1807. They were of Pennsylvania-Dutch ancestry.

When a young man, Isaac Hefner accompanied his parents to Ross County, Ohio, making the journey overland by wagon. There he married and lived until 1840, when, with his wife and family, he came to Allen County. Here he entered 80 acres of land from the government, and began to buy and feed cattle, which were disposed of at a good price, the proceeds going to buy more cheap land. Thus, in time, he became one of the largest land-owners of this county, owning eventually about 1,800 acres. Large tracts of this land were cleared by him and his sons. He was a Democrat in politics, and in religion a member of the Reformed Church, donating timber and land for the first log church built here and lending substantial aid toward the erection of the present brick edifice. The land used by the church as a cemetery was also given by him. He passed away in 1884, at the age of 75 years. His wife died in 1901, at the advanced age of 94. The children were: Jacob; Harrison, whose sketch may be found in this book; Amos, of Auglaize township; Clarissa, who married Jacob Mowery; David; John; and Albert.

Jacob Hefner was reared to farm life and lived at home until his marriage, when he moved into the log cabin which stood on his present farm, at that time the property of his father. Here he applied himself to farming and stockraising, and soon had his property cleared and in a high state of cultivation. His residence is of brick and one of the most attractive in the vicinity, while the large barns and other outbuildings bespeak the prosperous farmer.

Mr. Hefner was married December 2, 1855, to Christina Holman, who was born near Delaware, Ohio, September 18, 1838, and died September 10, 1898. She was a daughter of William and Sarah (Frederick) Holman. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Hefner are as follows: Isaac, born March 25, 1858, a resident of Lima; Mary, born April 7, 1860, the wife of Marion Watt; William, born February 23, 1862, living in Lima; Jennie, born September 12, 1864, wife of John E. Eversole; Amos, born February 16, 1867; Walter, born July 6,



1869; Olive, born August 14, 1872, and deceased December 8, 1874; Clara, born October 19, 1875, wife of C. C. Arnold; Daisy, born June 17, 1878, who married E. N. Hall, and lives in the Indian Territory; and Marion, born July 5, 1881, who married Bessie Kidd and resides on the farm with his father. Mr. Hefner has always affiliated with the Democratic party, and at one time served as township trustee. He is a member of the Reformed Church. Portraits of Mr. and Mrs. Hefner accompany this sketch.

**J.** LONES, the leading wall-paper man of Lima, and one of its representative citizens, was born in Perry township, Allen County, Ohio, in 1861, a son of the late A. J. Lones.

The father of our subject was one of the early settlers of this county, where he died after a long life entirely devoted to agricultural pursuits. During the Civil War he was a zealous supporter of the Union cause and two of his sons, who still survive, served in the Federal Army—Theodore being a resident of Kansas, and Commodore, of Oklahoma. The mother of these children, whose name before marriage was Mary A. Smith, is a native of Pennsylvania, and is a venerable resident of Lima, having attained the ripe old age of 85 years.

F. J. Lones remained at home assisting on the farm, until the age of 21, in the meantime securing his education in the common schools. He then took up his residence in Lima; for the following five years worked at the carpenter's trade; and for the next seven years was in the employ of J. M. Heininger, working at Lima, Fostoria, Columbus and Newark. After this he worked for one year with F. E. Harman, but in the spring of 1902 engaged in business for himself, embarking in the wall-paper and paper-hanging line. He has built up a large business and controls much of the best trade, carrying a complete and artistic line of goods and employing only skilled workmen. The business is now located at No. 124 East Market street. Fraternally Mr. Lones is a member of the order of Foresters.

In 1893 Mr. Lones was married to Stella Connutte, of Portsmouth, Ohio, and they have three children living, namely: Henen, Ida and Gertrude; one child, Frank, Jr., was accidentally drowned October 6, 1905, at two years of age. Mr. Lones and family enjoy the comforts of a pleasant home located at No. 430 North Shawnee street.

**G.** W. GRIFFITHS, postmaster at Gomer, has lived in this, his native place, during his whole life, having been absent only during his college course at the Ohio Normal University at Ada. He was born November 3, 1868, and is a son of Robert W. and Martha (Evans) Griffiths, and a grandson of Robert Griffiths.

The Griffiths family belonged to North Wales, where the father of our subject was born in 1829. He was 12 years old when he accompanied his parents to America. They settled in Butler County and Robert W. Griffiths remained at home until about 1853, when, with wife and two children, he came to Allen County. In 1859 he bought a farm north of Gomer and in 1864 he moved to Gomer and founded the mercantile business which his son now conducts. He was a fine business man and an exemplary, respected, useful citizen, who for 28 years was postmaster of the town. He was a consistent, Christian man, one of the pillars of the Welsh Congregational Church. His influence in the community was a very beneficial one. It was known through the village that the neighbors would find a welcome in his place of business, as gatherings of a social and public character were usual in the local stores in his day, but that Mr. Griffiths would tolerate only orderly gatherings and great temperance in speech. He was a man who was consistent and his fellow-citizens held him in the highest esteem. He sold his business to his son and retired to private life some time before his decease, which occurred January 7, 1904, at the age of 74 years.

The mother of our subject, Martha (Evans) Griffiths, was born at Paddy's Run, Butler County, Ohio, and died in 1884, aged 51 years. She was a daughter of John Evans.





who was a farmer and weaver and a native of Wales. John Evans had 13 children, 12 of whom lived to maturity. The parents of our subject had a family of 10 children, as follows: Ella J., wife of W. H. Clevenger, of Gomer; Anna Bell, who died aged seven years; Ida May, of Fort Wayne, Indiana; Sarah, deceased; Russell J., secretary of the Dayton Spice Mill Company, of Dayton, Ohio; Euphemia C., wife of Thomas Peats, of Lima; Nora E., who died in Philadelphia in 1886; Margaret A., connected with the State Hospital for the Insane at Toledo; George W., and Katharine B., wife of A. E. Seefert, of Los Angeles, California.

Since 1892 George W. Griffiths has been postmaster at Gomer during each Republican administration. In the same year, in partnership with his brother-in-law, Thomas Peats, he purchased his father's mercantile business and for two years it was conducted under the firm name of Griffiths & Peats, and then Mr. Griffiths became sole owner. He has always been a staunch supporter of the Republican party, and has served four years as township clerk and is serving his second term as township treasurer. He is a member of the Gomer Presbyterian Church, of which he is treasurer.

In 1889 Mr. Griffith was married to Susan Davis, a native of Wales, who came here when six years old with her parents, John R. and Ann Davis. Mr. and Mrs. Griffiths have these children: Ray, Martha, Ruth, Nora, Gladys, Clayton, Gertrude and Mildred.

Mr. Griffiths is one of the enterprising and successful men of the community, one whose public spirit is shown in his hearty interest in movements designed for the general public welfare. His public as well as private life marks him as a man of honor, ability and fidelity to the interests placed in his charge.

**C**HARLES H. MILLER, wholesale and retail dealer in meats, has been in business in Lima for a period of more than twenty years. He is a son of J. J. Miller, a prominent merchant of Lima until his retirement in 1875, who died in 1903.

Charles H. Miller was born in Lima in 1870, and was educated in the common schools until he was 15 years of age, when he entered upon his career in the meat business. Opening a retail store, he conducted it continuously and in a very profitable manner until February, 1905, when he increased the business by adding a wholesale department. His establishment is most complete in every particular, being fitted with machinery for the manufacture of all kinds of sausages, bologna, etc., and also equipped with an ice plant, which has a daily capacity of 10 tons. Great care is exercised to have everything of the best, and his goods have a well-earned reputation for reliability and superiority.

In 1891 Mr. Miller was married to Elizabeth Wiermann, and a family of three children have blessed their union, namely; Rosa, Eugene and Harry. They are attendants of the German Reformed Church. Mr. Miller is a Republican, but has never been active in politics, devoting his time and attention to his business interests instead. Fraternally he is a member of the Eagles, National Union and the Knights of Pythias.

**R**EV. CHRISTIAN BADERTSCHER, a retired minister of the German Reformed Church, who for more than 30 years was a successful worker in the Master's vineyard, has been a resident of Allen County since 1856, and counts among his friends all those who know him. Born in Signau, Canton Bern, Switzerland, on April 22, 1842, he lived there until his 14th year when his parents, Peter and Annie (Ashlaman) Badertscher, came with their family to America. Landing in New York, they at once came to Ohio, and settled in Allen County where, in less than a year, the mother died. The father survived her several years. He was engaged in the manufacture of spinning wheels—a necessity in almost every family in that time. He was the father of the following children, viz: Barbara (Bucher), of Richland township; John U., a retired farmer of Bluffton; Mathias, deceased; Eliza-



beth (Amstutz), of Richland township; Peter, now a retired citizen of Lima, after working 40 years for the P., Ft. W. & C. Railway Company; Christian, Frederick, a machinist of Pickaway County, Ohio; Annie (Bastinger), a widow, of Lima, and Magdalena (Stager), of Bluffton.

After the death of his mother Christian Badertscher lived in the family of the Rev. John Moser until his 21st year. From that time until his marriage, in 1865, he hired out by the month as a farm hand. Following this, he rented a farm one year and then purchased his present farm of 80 acres in section 23, Richland township. He cleared the greater portion of this land and improved it with suitable buildings. Mr. Badertscher has been very successful as a stock raiser, handling horses, cattle and hogs. In 1871 he gave up farming and entered the Wisconsin Mission Home, where he fitted himself for the ministry of the German Reformed Church. He was regularly ordained to the service in 1875, and was given charge of the field at Clayton, Iowa. Two years was spent in the work there, when he was returned to Ohio and stationed at Findlay where he remained 10 years. His next church was at St. Marys, Auglaize County, and he remained with that congregation about 14 years, his labor in the various fields being attended with most satisfactory and beneficial results.

Returning to his farm at the expiration of that time, he at once began the cultivation of his land, being assisted by his youngest son, Samuel. Being located in the oil belt, he leased the oil rights to Michael Simmerman & Company, who drilled wells and began pumping but later sold out their interest to our subject. Associated with Teter Sebert and David Rosebach, Jr., of St. Marys, the firm of Badertscher & Company was formed for the production of oil, three new wells being drilled. Later these partners sold their part of the business to Henry Schoneberger, of Chicago, a son-in-law of our subject, and the work was continued under the same name, Mr. Badertscher being manager. Two more oil wells were sunk, making seven wells now in operation, which are a source of considerable revenue to their owners.

In June, 1842, Mary Ann Gratz was born in Putnam County, Ohio, to Frederick and Annie (Lugibihl) Gratz, both of whom were natives of Germany. Growing to womanhood she was married to Christian Badertscher and became the mother of the following children: Sarah, wife of John Finke, of St. Marys, Ohio; Noah, a farmer living near St. Marys, Ohio, who married Matilda Roerbach; Annie, wife of Henry Schoneberger, who owns and conducts a large bakery in Chicago; John, who married Louisa Cock and is a chair-maker residing at St. Marys; Daniel, unmarried, a chair maker living at Marion, Indiana; Silas, who works in the chair factory at St. Marys and is a musician and vocalist of ability, and Samuel, who resides with his parents and conducts the farm. Rev. Christian Badertscher is frequently called upon to assist the local preacher and is always found ready to give his aid. His sermons are full of the force and energy which made his ministerial work effective and are listened to with pleasure and satisfaction. He is a Democrat in politics.



M. BELL, a wholesale merchant of Lima, was born in 1859 at Spring Hill, Champaign County, Ohio, and is the son of the late William Bell, of Lima.

William Bell was one of the most enterprising citizens that ever resided in Lima, and his prosperity was of such a nature that the entire community was benefitted by it. He was a stockholder in The Ohio National Bank, and owned much fine residence property, and erected the Bell Block on Main street, adjoining the Opera House Block. This structure is three stories high and 200 feet deep, with a 75 foot frontage—one of the best business blocks in the city. Mr. Bell's death in 1902, was an irreparable loss to the community.

The parents of our subject came to Lima in 1864, and it was here he reached man's estate. Having finished the primary schools, he entered Notre Dame University in 1880, graduating from that institution four years later.





He at once entered into partnership with F. E. Harman, for five years conducting a house furnishing establishment under the firm name of Harman & Bell. Mr. Bell then became interested in the production of oil, and was thus engaged for about five years, when the Spanish American War enlisted his sympathies. He was Captain of Company C, Second Ohio Infantry, U. S. Volunteers, and was in active service for about one year, being stationed at Columbus, Ohio; Chattanooga, Tennessee, and Macon, Georgia. He took part in the grand review at Chickamauga and was mustered out in February, 1899. Returning to Lima, Mr. Bell embarked in his present business, and is well equipped to meet almost any call for photographers', jewelers' and dental supplies. He transacts a large volume of business, both retail and wholesale, drawing his trade from an extensive territory about Lima.

In 1898 Mr. Bell was married to Lelia Kelly, daughter of Rev. John Kelly, a retired Presbyterian minister, of Chandlersville, Muskingum County, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Bell have two children—Eleanor and Harold. They are members of the Market Street Presbyterian Church at Lima. Mr. Bell is a prominent member of the Knights of Pythias. He served as chief of police during the mayoralty of Dr. Samuel A. Baxter, who first organized and systematized the force.

**J**AMES W. GENSEL, assistant secretary of the South Side Building & Loan Association, of Lima, was reared and educated in Lafayette, Allen County. He was born in Jackson township in 1863, and is a son of John F. Gensel, who enlisted in Company I, 46th Reg. Ohio Vol. Inf., and died in a hospital in Chattanooga, Tennessee, in 1864.

James W. Gensel taught school in this county about three years prior to coming to Lima to accept the position of bookkeeper in the Golley & Finley Iron Works. He remained with the company 10 years and left them only to take the office of county treasurer, to which

he had been elected in the fall of 1899. Two years later he was re-elected to the office and, at the expiration of his second term accepted his present position with the South Side Building & Loan Association.

In 1888 Mr. Gensel was married to Mary Custer, who has borne him five children, viz.: Ferne Y., Harold F., Ralph C., Mildred L. and Richard W. Mrs. Gensel is a daughter of Jacob Custer, who formerly operated the stone quarries in Bath township, but is now living in retirement in Lima. He is one of the oldest residents of the county, having been born and reared here. Mr. Gensel is an active Democrat and was formerly a member of the Democratic County Central Committee. He is a member of Lima Lodge, No. 581, I. O. O. F., and served as secretary for two terms.

**J**ACOB DIENSTBERGER, one of the pioneers of the county, was born in Baden, Germany, July 4, 1831, and died in Allen County, August 15, 1904, in his 72d year.

The life of Jacob Dienstberger was one of long and continued usefulness. It began in a humble home in Germany, in which he was trained to habits of thrift and industry, and closed in a comfortable home of his own making, surrounded by those who loved him best and honored him most. He was 18 years old when he left Germany for the United States and in Norwich, Connecticut, he completed his apprenticeship as a blacksmith, which trade he had commenced to learn in his native land. In September, 1851, he came to Delphos, Ohio, worked for a short time in an iron foundry and then embarked in the blacksmith business, associating himself with Israel Thornell. He was thus engaged from 1860 until he became a soldier of the Civil War, serving honorably throughout the entire period of hostilities. He returned to Delphos after the war and resumed a business life in which he continued to be active until 1890. For many years he was identified with the coal and iron trade of Delphos and vicinity. The last years of his life were



spent in retirement in the comfortable home adjoining his place of business on East Second street, which he erected before the Civil War.

In his earlier years Mr. Dienstberger was a man of robust health and unusual strength. He continued to retain this robustness until May, 1897, when he suffered a stroke of paralysis which caused him to be a partial invalid during the remainder of his life. While this was a calamity he was more fortunate than many a sufferer, because of the faithful and loving care shown him by a most patient and devoted wife, during the seven years of his invalidism. On Saturday, August 6, 1904, he suffered from a second stroke of paralysis. The amputation of several of his toes, previous to this, had much lowered his vital powers and nine days after the second paralytic stroke he passed away. Four weeks prior to his death, his only sister had died at Columbian Green, Connecticut, and his decease left, as only survivor of his parents' family, a brother, Nicholas, of Norwich, Connecticut, who also passed away December 12, 1905.

A man of excellent business sense, the deceased gained a goodly share of worldly goods, while his strict honesty in business dealings, neighborly kindness and anxiety for the welfare of his family, brought him esteem and respect from all with whom his life intermingled. His funeral which was largely attended took place on August 18, 1904. The G. A. R. attended in a body and many relatives and friends from out of the city, paid their final respects to the departed. The burial was in the West Side Cemetery, Delphos. His resting place is now marked by one of the finest granite monuments on the grounds. The parents of Mrs. Dienstberger and a brother also rest in this cemetery.

The widow of the late Jacob Dienstberger was born in Saxony, Germany, January 15, 1835, and is a daughter of Christopher and Magdaline (Grundmiller) Gessner. The parents emigrated to America in 1841, when the daughter was about five years old, and Mrs. Dienstberger is the only survivor of three children, viz.: Charles, who died aged 77 years, leaving two sons and two daughters living

at De Graff, Ohio; Caroline (Mrs. Dienstberger), and Adam, who died March 17, 1885, aged 45 years, leaving a widow, two sons and two daughters.

Like many other German emigrants Mr. Gessner came to the United States with the idea of securing a comfortable home for his wife and children, but he had little capital except a kit of tools, which he brought from his old home and in the use of which he was very skillful. The little family was made welcome in the log cabin of a neighbor, who had settled previously in Ohio, and Mr. Gessner soon erected a house on a tract between Sugar and Hawk Creeks. There the family lived until he secured a more desirable farm of 80 acres in Washington township, Van Wert County, which he subsequently cleared. He was well-known throughout the country, his faculty for mending clocks, watches and anything broken, bringing many visitors to his place.

Mrs. Dienstberger remembers when the family meals were eaten off a German chest, but later the father fashioned an excellent table, made creditable chairs by hand, and even guns, using for the latter iron parts which he had brought from Germany. His other tools, such as pitchforks, he made from crooked forks of trees found in the forest, and while the neighboring farmers were threshing their grain by driving their horses over it, he was using a flail thrasher, with a long wooden handle and a piece of leather, fashioned by his own hands. Mrs. Dienstberger's mother was an adept at spinning flax and wool, coloring them and converting then into the plain, sensible garments of that day, while the father made the family shoes. Their evening lamp was a candle, with the exception of an old grease lamp brought from Germany. Cooking was all done at the open fire place, and there are those still living who declare that no present day food has the appetizing flavor of that cooked in the old Dutch oven. The educational opportunities of the time and place were restricted to the most elementary branches. Religious instruction, however, was not neglected. Rev. Donier, a Lutheran pastor, having charge of a number of scattered congregations, including that at







CHARLES E. STADLER, M. D.



Elida, where Mrs. Dienstberger learned her catechism and attended church.

On September 26, 1853, Caroline Gessner and Jacob Dienstberger were united in marriage, and in 1903, their "Golden Wedding" was celebrated most enjoyably. All the children, the grandchildren and two great-grandchildren were present. No one present on that occasion will ever forget the touching remarks made by Mr. Dienstberger, in which he referred to his boyhood days in Germany and to the family events of his long and happy married life of half a century.

The children of Jacob and Caroline Dienstberger were: Charles, Amelia, Mary and Christopher.

Charles Dienstberger was born in 1854 and educated at Delphos. At the age of 16 years he learned the wagon and carriage making trade with his father, and now conducts an extensive business in his fine two-story brick shop, 24 by 66 feet in dimensions, which is fitted with modern machinery for the repair and manufacture of everything in his line, being furnished also with a large stock of horseshoes, bolts and other blacksmith supplies. He also conducts a large coal yard, in 1875 being admitted to partnership in this industry by his father, who had established it. In 1878 he entered into a copartnership with Henry Kalt and thus continued until 1901, when he purchased his partner's interest. He is one of the substantial and representative business men of Delphos. From 1885 until 1889 he was treasurer of the town. For six years he has been a member of the Board of Public Affairs, and carefully and capably managed his own business interests, as well as those of his widowed mother. He married Rosana Weideman and they have four children, viz.: Cedelia, who graduated from the Delphos High School, May 19, 1900, and is now a student at Lima College, in bookkeeping, stenography and typewriting, being also an accomplished musician; William, Arnold and Carl.

Amelia Dienstberger, who married Tobias Foster of Spencerville, Ohio, has three children, viz.: Laura, who married (first) Edward Dye and (second) Charles Iseman; Flora.

who married Hugo Hummel and has one daughter, Fern; and Wilbert Foster—all of Spencerville.

Mary Dienstberger married Henry Jettinghoff, the leading clothing merchant at Delphos.

Christopher Dienstberger married Katie Flaspoebler and has seven children, viz.: Jacob, Nora, who lives with her grandmother, and Nicholas, Amelia, Myra, Effie and Harmon.

Mrs. Dienstberger has lived to see the changes of 65 years in Allen county. She is a consistent and valued member of the Lutheran Church at Delphos and is much beloved for her many Christian virtues, her neighborly kindness and the love and service she has so cheerfully given to her family, whether in health or sickness.



**C**HARLES E. STADLER, M. D., a prominent and popular physician of West Cairo, whose portrait is shown on the opposite page, was born in Champaign County, Ohio, October 19, 1863. His parents are Louis and Dana (Klickon) Stadler, both of whom are natives of Hanover, Germany. Coming to this country about 50 years ago, they here met and married, settling on the farm in Champaign County which is still their home. Their five children are: Emma, who lives at home; George W., who travels for the J. I. Case Company and has visited almost every country in their behalf; Charles E.; William, who lives at home and manages the farm for his parents; and Lewis A., a farmer residing in the vicinity of the homestead.

Charles E. Stadler was reared on the home farm and was accorded the advantage of a good business education, having been a student in Nelson's Business College, at Springfield. Later, when he was about 23 years of age, he entered the Ohio Normal University at Ada, where he remained two years and then entered the Eclectic Medical Institute, Cincinnati, graduating from the latter in the class of 1896. For a short time he was stationed at Harrison,





but after a few months located in West Cairo, Allen County, and purchased the business and good will of Dr. Ewing. Here he has since been engaged in active practice. He is a careful, conscientious practitioner and is meeting with deserved success.

On May 20, 1896, Dr. Stadler was married to Oma Abbott, a native of Champaign County, Ohio, and a daughter of William J. and Emma (Compton) Abbott. Her father was a native of Shelby County, Ohio, and her mother, of Virginia. To the Doctor and his amiable wife, three children have been born, namely: William L.; Ralph; and Lois Marcella. Dr. Stadler is a Democrat, but takes little interest in politics. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and keeps in close touch with the Eclectic Medical associations, both State and national. He was made a Mason at Columbus Grove, joined the Knights of the Golden Eagle at West Cairo, and is a member of the lodge and encampment of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Lima.

**L**eonard WALTHER, leading merchant tailor, and a prominent and influential citizen of Lima, was born in Pennsylvania in 1866. About one year later his parents removed to Lima where he has since resided, with the exception of a short period spent in Kansas. After completing his schooling, Mr. Walther learned the tailor's trade, and, before establishing himself in business, went to Kansas, where he was employed as a cutter in a tailor's shop of Osage City, remaining there two years.

In 1888 Mr. Walther returned to Lima and opened a shop himself. He has conducted this business so successfully that he now enjoys the distinction of being the leading merchant tailor of the city, and has a large and well-paying patronage. Mr. Walther was married in 1886 to Elizabeth Nicholas, whose father, the late James Nicholas, was for many years a prominent business man of Lima, being engaged in the sale of agricultural implements. Mr. and Mrs. Walther have two children, both

sons. The elder, George B., is taking a commercial course in the Lima Business College, while the younger, James Leonard, is a student in the Lima High School. Mr. Walther is a member of the German Reformed Church of Lima and is also prominent in fraternal circles, being identified with the Elks and Odd Fellows. He is deputy grand master of Ohio and grand master-elect of Ohio I. O. O. F. He is also a popular member of the German Musical Society of Lima.

**B**YRON S. FOGLE, one of Lima's leading business men—a wholesale and retail dealer in pianos and organs, with commodious quarters at No. 227 North West street—has been a resident of this city since 1899. He was born in 1867 in Allen County, Ohio, and is a son of John S. Fogle.

The venerable father of Mr. Fogle resides with our subject at Lima. With four of his brothers, he was a loyal supporter of the government during the Civil War, the brothers serving in the army and he in the provost marshal's office. In politics he was formerly an old-line Whig and is now a Republican.


Byron S. Fogle was educated at Lebanon, Ohio, and immediately upon completing his education became connected with the firm of R. C. Munger & Company, the largest wholesale piano house of the Northwest, at St. Paul, Minnesota. He remained there until 1885 when he removed to Chicago, prior to the World's Fair, being connected with George P. Bent and the Newman Brothers, firms of Chicago and St. Louis. During the progress of the World's Fair he handled the "Crown" piano for George P. Bent and attended to the exhibits of this firm. Directly afterward he opened a wholesale and retail piano and organ store at St. Marys, Ohio, where he remained until 1899, when he established his business at Lima. He still has a branch store at the former place and one at Muncie, Indiana, and has 31 dealers in Ohio and Indiana to whom he supplies pianos and organs, thereby conducting a lucrative and extensive business. In local



local circles his instruments have met with remarkable sales, an illustration being that in the Deisel-Wemmer cigar factory alone he has patrons to the number of 124. Many of the public institutions also have secured their musical instruments of Mr. Fogle, recognizing their superior quality and his honorable methods of doing business.

In 1895 Mr. Fogle was married to Abbie L. Allison, who is a daughter of John D. Allison, of Titusville, Pennsylvania. For many years Mr. Allison was quartermaster at the Brooklyn Navy Yard. Mr. and Mrs. Fogle have one daughter, Madeline Patrice. Mrs. Fogle is a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church and Mr. Fogle is a liberal contributor to all the religious denominations of the city.

For many years he has been prominent in Masonry. He belongs to the Chapter and Commandery at Lima, the Council at Delphos, the Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Dayton, and the Consistory at Toledo, and has taken all the degrees up to and including the 32nd. He is district lecturer of the Blue Lodge of the Fourth District of Ohio, in which he is serving his fourth year, having 39 lodges within his jurisdiction, located in Allen, Auglaize, Van Wert, Putnam and Paulding counties. He belongs also to the Odd Fellows, both subordinate and encampment lodges, and is one of the best known men in fraternal circles in this part of Ohio.

RS. CATHERINE KESLER, one of the well-known and highly respected residents of German township, resides on her highly improved farm of 210 acres, which is situated in section 17, one mile south of Elida, on the Elida and Allentown turnpike road. Mrs. Kesler was born March 6, 1839, in German township and is a daughter of Philip and Margaret (Meyers) Herring, who were early pioneers of Allen County.


Catherine Herring was reared and educated in German township. On March 4, 1860, she was married to George Kesler, who was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, June 22, 1838, and was a son of Abraham Kesler. He was

two years old when his parents came to Allen County and settled on the farm in German township, now owned by Samuel East. He was reared and educated in German township.

Immediately after marriage Mr. and Mrs. Kesler moved up on the farm then owned by Philip Herring, father of Mrs. Kesler, which was situated directly south of the present home of Mrs. Kesler, on the other side of the road. After living here some years the family moved to the present farm in section 17, and here Mr. Kesler built the large brick residence now occupied by Mrs. Kesler, which is one of the most imposing homes in Allen County. Mr. Kesler always took a great deal of honest pride in this beautiful home, but he was not permitted to enjoy its comforts into extreme old age, his death occurring on May 14, 1901, when but 63 years old. He was laid to rest in Greenlawn Cemetery.

When the Civil War broke out Mr. Kesler felt that it was almost his bounden duty to fight for his country. Only the fact that he was but lately wedded and had taken heavy responsibilities upon himself, prevented at that time but on September 23, 1864, he became a private in Company C, 179th Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf., and served until his honorable discharge on June 17, 1865.

Mrs. Kesler has never had any children, but she has two sisters and one brother, these being: Eliza, who married Robert Patton, of Sidney, Ohio, and now resides at Indianapolis, Indiana; Anna M., who married John Rundio, of Allen County, Ohio, now of Putnam County; and W. M., pastor of the Lutheran Church at Canton, Ohio. Mrs. Kesler is a member of the Lutheran Church at Elida and one of its liberal supporters.

DWARD S. MOWEN, of the firm of Mowen Brothers, general building contractors of Lima, was born in this city October 11, 1857, and is a son of the late Jacob R. Mowen.

The name of Mowen has been known in Lima since 1841 in connection with the business of contracting, the father of our subject





coming here in that year and for a long period continuing to be a leader in that line.

Edward S. Mowen was reared in this city and obtained his education here. Upon leaving school he learned the carpenter's trade with his father, and as he afterward mastered that of bricklaying, he became a practical and thoroughly informed workman in all that pertains to building. The Mowens have erected many of the largest, most substantial and attractive structures in Lima, and among these may be mentioned: The Lima Locomotive & Machine Works (three buildings); American Straw Works, the Moore Brother Company's wholesale grocery building, Lima College, Lima High School, Pine Street and Spring Street schools, Harper, Bell, Crouse and Commercial blocks, Donze (four blocks), Times Democrat, Applas and Manhattan buildings, Trinity Methodist Episcopal, German Reformed, Presbyterian and First Evangelical Lutheran churches, and the edifice of the Disciples' Church on Wayne and Kibby streets.

Mr. Mowen was married December 21, 1888, to Lizzie Cookes, of Columbus, Ohio. They have a pleasant home, while his business office is in the rear of the fire department building.

Mr. Mowen has never been an active politician. He belongs to Lima Lodge, No. 581, and Lima Encampment, No. 62, I. O. O. F.; Modern Woodmen of America, Eagles and Tribe of Ben Hur. He is one of Lima's representative citizens and successful business men.

**O**L. MOWEN, member of the firm of Mowen Brothers, general building contractors of Lima, and the pioneer firm of Allen County in this line, was born November 5, 1859, in the city named and is a son of J. R. Mowen, a settler of 1841.

Mr. Mowen was reared and educated at Lima, receiving his literary training in its schools and his mechanical discipline with his father. Like his brother, the other member of

the firm, he almost grew up with tools in his hand, and during his whole business life has been engaged in the building line. The firm of which he is an important member has been a large factor in the building operations of the city, and has built many of the largest manufacturing plants, business blocks, schools and churches of Lima. Some of the most important of these are mentioned in the sketch of the senior member of the firm, Edward S. Mowen. The firm justly claims to be the pioneer in its line in the city.

Mr. Mowen was married May 1, 1889, to May Belle Biddinger, of this county, and they have two children: Hugh Lester and Herbert William. Mr. Mowen belongs to Lima Lodge, No. 581, and Lima Encampment, No. 62, I. O. O. F.; Modern Woodmen of America, Eagles and Tribe of Ben Hur.

**A**LMON E. SWINEHART, vice-president of the Bluffton Turned Goods Company, one of the leading manufacturing industries of Bluffton, was born in Allen County, one mile south of Lafayette, July 20, 1861, and is a son of Charles and Mary E. (King) Swinehart.

Charles Swinehart was born near Somerset, Perry County, Ohio, August 14, 1839, and now resides at Carey, Ohio, where he runs several pump stations for the Northern Ohio Railway.

He married Mary E. King, who was born near Van Wert, Ohio, January 8, 1844. Their children were: Almon E., Jacob E., of Rockford, O., Emma V., deceased in infancy, and Ella Josephine, who is the wife of P. E. Walborn, of Chicago.

When our subject was two years old, his parents moved to Van Wert County. Almon E. remained on the home farm until he was 15 years old and then entered a stave and hoop factory at Middlepoint, Ohio, where he remained until 19 years of age. He then went to Delphos and worked on the Northern Ohio Railway for twelve years: at first in the general office of the auditor and then as station agent. In



1893 he located at Bluffton and embarked in the sawmill business with his father-in-law, Ira M. Townsend, which continued until the development of the present business.

The Bluffton Turned Goods Company was first established in 1902, and is one of the leading handle and hardwood manufacturing concerns of the country. It was incorporated in February, 1905, with Ira M. Townsend as president; Almon E. Swinehart as vice-president, and Carl Balmer as secretary and treasurer. The company makes a specialty of manufacturing first-grade handles, farming tool handles, pike poles and logging tool handles, and turns out hardwood lumber both for domestic and export use, mostly second growth ash and oak. They cut their own timber and oversee the work personally. All are men of capital and responsibility.

Mr. Swinehart was married June 22, 1887, to Vanch L. Townsend, who was born in Bluffton and is the daughter of Ira M. Townsend. They have three children, viz.: Ira H., Harold C. and Ella Josephine. Mr. Swinehart and family belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church.

In political sentiment Mr. Swinehart is a Republican, although he is more of a business man than a politician. He served one term on the Town Council and has always done his part in promoting the welfare of his fellow-citizens and in developing the resources of Bluffton. He belongs to Bluffton Lodge, No. 371, I. O. O. F., Modern Woodmen of America and Tribe of Ben Hur.

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**J**OSEPH TAPSCOTT, whose fine farm of 470 well tilled and finely improved acres is situated in Perry township, belongs to one of the worthy old pioneer families of this section. Mr. Tapscott was born in Perry township, Allen County, Ohio, December 11, 1850, and is the son of James and Maria (Rankins) Tapscott.

Joseph Tapscott, the grandfather, came from New Jersey to Warren County, Ohio,

and lived there until his death. He took up 800 acres of land in Allen County, but never moved here. His long life was spent on his lands in Warren County, which he improved as he had opportunity, and which were divided among his children when he passed away. He was a man of courage and enterprise and possessed many of the characteristics of his hardy Scotch-Irish ancestors which made him a typical pioneer. He married Annie Schenck, of the Schenck family of New Jersey, one which for generations has been prominently connected with the affairs and public life of Southern New Jersey. They reared a family of nine children, the eldest of these being James Tapscott, the father of our subject.

James Tapscott was born in 1808 in Warren County, Ohio, and continued to reside on the old homestead until 1848, when he removed with his possessions to Allen County and settled on a 200-acre tract of land, which his father had entered at an early day. He was a practical agriculturist and cleared a large portion of his land, making a comfortable homestead, where he spent a number of years. Subsequently he bought the farm which is now owned and occupied by his son, our subject, who also owns the old place, 470 acres in all. Mr. Tapscott was one of the reliable and intelligent men of his community, and was elected to a large number of the local offices by the Democratic party, of which he was a life-long member. He died in 1884.

On March 6, 1850, James Tapscott married Marie Rankins, who was a daughter of George Rankins, one of the early settlers of Perry township. Of their four children our subject is the only survivor.

Joseph Tapscott spent his boyhood in attending school and assisting in the work of the farm, which finally devolved entirely upon his shoulders. For many years he has been looked upon as one of the township's most successful agriculturists and progressive citizens, his method being those of accepted scientific value. His large acreage is not only productive under his management in an agricultural way, but the discovery of oil on some portions of the estate





has given increased value to what was already considered one of the most valuable farms of the township.

Mr. Tapscott was married November 28, 1872, to Elizabeth A. Crossley, who is a daughter of Ross Crossley of Lima, and they have these children: Jessie, who married William Hardesty, son of Joshua Hardesty, of Perry township, and has five children: Augusta, who married Oliver Rankins, of Perry township, and has three children; Mulford, who married Mattie Brown, daughter of Henry Brown; and William, who married Margaret Brown, daughter of William Brown. The family belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which Mr. Tapscott has been very active for years, taking a deep interest in both church and Sunday-school, and serving as steward and as trustee.

In political sentiment Mr. Tapscott is a Prohibitionist. He has accepted no public office with the exception of a trusteeship of the Allen County Children's Home. Fraternally he belongs to the Foresters.



S. LATHROP, general contractor, at Lima, was born in 1858, near the city of Topeka, Kansas, and is a son of George D. and Columbia A. (Hover) Lathrop, and a grandson

of Rodney Lathrop.

The Lathrop family is of English extraction. Its American founder settled in Massachusetts in 1638, having been banished from his own country on account of his religious tenets. He is supposed to have died at Barnstable, Massachusetts, as it is known he lived and preached there. His son, Samuel Lathrop, was one of the founders of the town of Norwich, Connecticut, and from him descended the branch of the family to which C. S. Lathrop, of Lima, belongs. The mother of our subject belongs also to an old colonial family, her ancestor, Thomas Adgate, being a member of the colony at Norwich.

Rodney Lathrop, our subject's grandfather, was a master mechanic of the Mad River Rail-

road at the time of his death from cholera in 1849. George D. Lathrop, son of Rodney, was born in New York City and came to Allen County at a very early date. In 1849 he went to California where he remained five years, and then located at Milwaukee, Wisconsin. In 1856 he settled in Kansas, and as he was a Free State man he became identified with many of the public activities of that period in that section. Always a politician, according to old standards, he was also an abolitionists as far as restricting the extension of slavery. In 1863 he returned to Ohio where he soon became a leader in Allen County, and for 21 years he served as a justice of the peace, being elected to the office in a community which, at that time, was overwhelmingly Democratic. He was a man of sterling character and his fellow-citizens showed that they appreciated his ability and integrity.


C. S. Lathrop was five years old when the family left Kansas and returned to the old homestead in the extreme southwestern part of Allen County. This was known as old Fort Amanda, which was built in the days of Indian warfare, and its site was one of the first pieces of ground entered in the county. In this historic old place our subject was reared. He attended the common schools of the county, the Lima High School and enjoyed two terms at the Ohio Normal University at Ada. Then he returned to the old home and remained after his father's death, to rear and educate his younger brother, whom he finally left in charge there.

During the time he remained on the home farm, our subject engaged in contract work for the county in the way of bridge-building and road-grading and later worked at the carpenter's trade. His first houses were erected for himself in 1890, at Lima, and since then he has been extensively engaged in contracting and building. Some of the attractive and substantial structures built by him are: Mrs. M. A. Karn's apartment building on the corner of Market and Pierce streets; the Adgate Block; some of the fine residences on West Spring street; the A. L. White residence on South Cole street, which is regarded by many as the



finest house in Lima; and others. He is also interested in a number of other enterprises and also owns a fine farm which is located on the line between Allen and Auglaize counties.

Mr. Lathrop was married on August 29, 1903, to Lelia G. McGuire, who is a daughter of the late Elisha J. McGuire, and they have one son, Rodney. Mr. McGuire served four years in the Civil War, was in early life an engineer on the C., H. & D. Railway, and for 20 years was a trustee of the poor in Allen County. Politically Mr. Lathrop is a Republican. He served 12 years as a justice of the peace while living in the country. He belongs to such leading fraternal organizations as the Masons, Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America. As a business man and as a citizen he enjoys a large measure of public esteem.

AVID M. BREESE, the patriarch of one of the old pioneer families of Allen County, was born in Butler County, Ohio, February 27, 1825, and is a son of Griffith and Mary (Mowen) Breese.

Robert Breese, the grandfather, was born in Wales and came to America at an early day, settling in Pennsylvania with his children. The grandfather settled in Hardin County, near Round Head, where he died and was buried. The parents of our esteemed subject were married in Pennsylvania, the father having been born in Wales and the mother in Pennsylvania. In November, 1832, they came as pioneers to Allen County, having previously lived in Butler County. The children of Griffith and Mary Mowen were: Nancy, George, John, William D., David M. and Griffith. The father of this family settled where Alva Breese now resides in Shawnee township. He cleared the land and developed a good farm. His death occurred in 1848.

David M. Breese was seven years old when he accompanied his parents to Shawnee township. His education was secured in the pioneer schoolhouses of the time and until his marriage he assisted his father in clearing the

farm. After marriage he settled in section 3, Shawnee township, on the Spencerville road, and occupied that place for 14 years. He came to the present farm in section 10 in 1863, having previously erected a residence here. This was at the close of his service in the Civil War. He enlisted for the three years' service in the 99th Regiment, Ohio Vol. Inf., but was not accepted on account of a bad knee. In 1864 he enlisted in Company B, 151st Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf., and was at Washington, D. C., at the time of Gen. Early's raid. He performed his loyal duty during the term of his enlistment and was then honorably discharged and returned to look after the interests of his family.

On January 1, 1849, Mr. Breese was married to Mary Valentine, who was born in Champaign County, Ohio, March 23, 1827, and is a daughter of Crane and Mary (Harper) Valentine. William Valentine, the grandfather of Mrs. Breese, lived and died near Quincy, Ohio. In August, 1832, Crane Valentine located on Elm street, Lima. His wife died here, and later he removed to Berrien County, Michigan, where he died. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Breese were: Mary E., living in Lima, married to Thomas Maltbie; George L., who lives on the homestead farm in a house adjoining that of his parents, and has some excellent farm property in sections 9 and 10; and Emmett, who died at the age of seven years.

Mr. and Mrs. Breese are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Since 1862 Mr. Breese has been a member of Lima Masonic Lodge No. 205, F. & A. M. Politically he is identified with the Republican party.

Visitors at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. Breese find them delightful entertainers. They both can recall so many interesting events of a half century ago, when life was a little harder in Allen County than it is to-day, and the listener carries away knowledge that he could scarcely have obtained from other sources. Among other interesting reminiscences, they tell of the days when a cook-stove was enough of a curiosity in their locality to attract visitors from miles away. As corn meal was a staple food and mills were far distant, it





was the custom to grate corn on a tin grater which, in all probability, had been made at home. No road commissioners had yet looked after the public highways and trips to and from the market towns were difficult to make at some seasons of the year and frequently impossible. Mr. Breese remembers his little Indian playmates to have been just as ready in games as white boys and just as faithful in their attachments. Game was very plentiful and Mr. Breese had the reputation of being a "dead shot." When 16 years of age he had a long-barreled cap gun given him by his father, who had purchased it of a neighbor who did not know its age at that time. It deserves a place among the county's historic archives.

Mrs. Breese remembers going to school and also to church, in the old log Court House, built in 1832, just after the organization of Allen County. Mr. and Mrs. Breese have a number of valuable household properties which lovers of historic treasures would greatly value, one of these being a sugar bowl which her people bought at Urbana prior to coming here in 1832. The old family clock has ticked out the hours for 100 years and there are many articles of homely comfort that suggest an old established family.



J. BANTA, one of the leading business men of Lima, a member of the firm of F. J. Banta & Son, manufacturers of candy, confectionery and chewing gum, was born at Troy, Miami County, Ohio, in 1857, being a member of one of the old families of that section.

Mr. Banta was reared and educated in Miami County, began his business career as a clerk in a grocery store and for five years was interested in that line of business at Troy.

In 1881 Mr. Banta came to Lima and here entered the grocery field, but, finding it well occupied, one year later became a wholesale candy manufacturer. He has established an enormous trade based on the superior quality of his goods, the business expanding from a very small beginning until at

the present time it averages \$150,000 annually. The goods manufactured include choice chocolates and creams—daintily prepared and of fine, pure flavors—and some eight or ten brands of chewing gum, the leader being "Banta's Pepsin." The plant is located at No. 122 West Wayne street, and traveling salesmen visit the dealers in the territory adjacent to Lima. In 1902, Roy Banta, a son of our subject, was admitted to a partnership in the business.

Mr. Banta belongs to the Elks and the Knights of Pythias. He is ranked with the city's most enterprising and progressive business men.



W. HENSLER, one of the proprietors of the Kniseley Shirt Company, at Lima, and an active business man of the city, was born at Carysville, Champaign County, Ohio, in 1871, and is a son of Joseph Hensler, who was an undertaker and furniture dealer for many years at Rosewood, this State.

Our subject was reared and educated in his native place, where he also gained a varied business experience. In order to fit himself more completely for a business career he came to Lima, in 1892, and completed a full course at the Lima Business College. After graduation he accepted a position with the Kniseley Shirt Company and continued in their employ until 1902, when, in association with Frank Schlupp, he purchased their business. He has since continued in this line, extending its scope and improving its output. This well-known house does an immense custom trade, keeps 14 salesmen on the road, and thoroughly covers Ohio, Eastern Indiana and Southern Michigan, while orders come from every State in the Union and even from Mexico. Their manufacture of shirts is for the custom trade only and they have also established a large business in the manufacture of underwear, made to order.

In 1896 Mr. Hensler was married to Ella Schlupp, who is a daughter of his business partner. They have two children—Dorothy Elizabeth and Phillis Mae. Mr. Hensler is promi-



nent in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, having been identified with that organization since he was 21 years of age. In politics he is a Democrat.

**H**ARMAN TRUST, the village blacksmith at Allentown, was born in Paris, France, and is a son of William and Katrina (Schwertman) Trust.

When our subject was 12 years old his parents moved to Saxony, Germany, where he completed his education. When 14 years of age he was apprenticed to learn the blacksmith's trade, his father making a contract by which he paid \$100 and provided his son with clothes for three years, the youth to have no wages during this period. He was thoroughly instructed and after his training was finished he went out as a journeyman, according to the German usage, and worked his necessary three years at different points, being then considered capable of starting into business for himself. When 20 years old he entered the army, according to German law, and served as a cavalryman for three years in the flying artillery. He took part in the Franco-Prussian War, and was on the battlefield at Sedan, when Napoleon was captured.

In 1875 Mr. Trust came to America and reached a strange country without any capital. He was not discouraged, however, and walked the distance between New York and Cincinnati, and from there to Chicago. Subsequently he returned to Dayton, Ohio, and soon opened a shop at Seven Mile, Butler County, Ohio. After one year at that point, he removed to Champaign County, remaining there a year, and then to New Bremen, Auglaize County, for 18 months, and then to Shelby County. Mr. Trust operated his own shop there for nine years and then went back to Germany for a visit. Upon his return to America, he worked for six months in a sawmill in Washington, and then came east to Mercer County, Ohio, where he rented a shop, during all this time having had his Shelby County shop rented. One year

later he went back to Shelby County, in a few months closed up his business there, and then came to Allentown, buying his present shop in 1888. He is a fine workman and has a large repair business.

Mr. Trust was 32 years old when he was married, April 21, 1881, to Katie Wolff, of New Bremen, Ohio, who is a daughter of Philip and Maragaret Wolff. They have had seven children, the two survivors being: William Philip Frederic, who was born March 15, 1885, and assists his father in the shop; and Margaret Augusta Theressa, who was born April 27, 1888, and lives with her parents. The family belong to the Lutheran Church at Elida. Mr. Trust is not only a capable, reliable workman, but a well-informed, intelligent man and good citizen.

**W**ARREN E. PENNY, hardware merchant and one of the leading citizens of Lima, was born in 1850 in Miami County, Ohio, but accompanied his parents, in childhood, to Darke County, where he was reared and educated.

For a number of years in early manhood, Mr. Penny taught school in Darke and Miami counties, entering business in 1877, when he established a meat store at Van Wert. He continued there for two years and then, for some five years, dealt in agricultural implements, thus becoming connected with the McCormick Harvester Company. Later he became general agent for this large company in Western Ohio, remaining in that capacity for eight years, and then represented the State of Wisconsin for the J. I. Case Thresher Company, of Racine.

On June 1, 1900, Mr. Penny came to Lima and, in association with a nephew, established the hardware firm of Penny & Penny, one of the city's large and prospering concerns.


Politically Mr. Penny is a Republican. He is president of the Business Men's Association of Lima, and stands as a representative citizen.

Mr. Penny was first married, in 1874, to





Francis Brown, who died in 1893, leaving three children, viz: Aaron A., Russell L. and Velma Grace. In 1897 he was married to Mrs. Anna (Bryant) Gillette. His church affiliations are with the Presbyterians.

 K. KRAUSS, one of the prominent citizens of Lima, was born near Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, in 1839, and is a son of Jacob Krauss, a native of Lehigh County and a lifelong resident there.


Although Mr. Krauss was best known to the citizens of Lima, for a number of years, as an artistic photographer, he had perfected himself in other crafts prior to entering that field. After leaving school, when about 19 years of age, he learned the carpenter's trade and still later, the machinist's trade at Philadelphia. With a desire to see something of the country and also as a business experiment, he then built for himself a photographic car in which he traveled for about a year, pausing, wherever his fancy led him, to photograph people and landscapes. After disposing of his car, he located in Philadelphia, studied the photographic art more thoroughly and then worked in this line at Allentown and Pittsburg. Thence he removed to Wooster, Ohio, being for a short time connected with the Teeple Brothers, photographers, after which he embarked in the business for himself. In association with William Plummer he opened a photograph gallery in Wooster, and the business was conducted one year under the firm name of Krauss & Plummer, when Mr. Krauss sold his interest and went to South Toledo. There he conducted a studio for seven months. In November, 1866, he bought a gallery at Lima which he operated alone for about 16 years, and then admitted R. H. Ebersole to partnership. This firm continued in business until 1902, and its fine work was thoroughly appreciated all over the surrounding country.

The close confinement of the studio and contact with chemicals impaired the health of Mr. Krauss, and, disposing of his interests to

Mr. Ebersole, for some six months he enjoyed the relaxation of travel. He has very extensive property interests, and has dealt in both city and county real estate for a number of years. About this time Mr. Krauss erected what is one of the finest and best located business blocks in the city. It is a three-story and basement brick structure, 25 by 205 feet in dimensions, at No. 234 North Main street, with offices and store rooms below, and flats above.

Since retiring from his photographic enterprise Mr. Krauss has been handling, as a means of occupying his spare time, a very popular surgical appliance known as the "Finger-Cushion Pad Truss," which has been the means of curing thousands of afflicted people. He feels that he is doing a good work by calling the attention of the public to such an appliance. He is also largely interested in the various city utilities, being a stockholder in The Lima Telephone & Telegraph Company. For some years he has been a valued member of the City Council.

In 1867 Mr. Krauss was married to Catherine E. Workman, of Wooster, Ohio, who was a daughter of Rev. Morgan Workman. She died in 1885, the mother of one child who died in infancy. In 1889 Mr. Krauss was married (second) to Bertha Haines, who is a daughter of the venerable Jeremiah Haines, who was one of the pioneer agriculturalists of German township—he has now reached his 88th year and resides with Mr. Krauss. Mr. and Mrs. Krauss are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Fraternally he is an Odd Fellow and a Knight of Pythias.

 DWIN CLYDE AKERMAN, auditor-elect of Allen County, Ohio, and one of the best known educators in this section of the State, was born June 2, 1864, on a farm located one mile and a half northeast of LaFayette, Allen County, Ohio. He is a son of William Henry and Mary Jane (Ransbottom) Akerman.

The grandfather of Mr. Akerman, William Henry Akerman, was a native of Pennsylvania.





FREDERICK AGERTER





He came from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, to Ohio, in 1833, settling first in Morgan County, but removing later to a farm near LaFayette, Allen County, where he lived to a good old age and reared a family of 13 children, giving three of his sons—Samuel, John and Henry—to the service of their country during the Civil War. He died October 9, 1878.

William Henry Akerman, Jr., father of our subject, was born in Jackson township, Allen County, Ohio, April 17, 1840, and almost all his brief life was spent in this locality, engaged in farming and teaching school. In 1862 he enlisted in the Union Army as a member of the 81st Regiment, Ohio Vol. Inf., and was the bugler of the regiment and subsequently was advanced to the rank of captain of his company. After nine months of faithful service, he was honorably discharged. His lamented death took place on October 25, 1868. In commenting upon his decease, a local paper gave expression to the general feeling in these words: "A model young man and the idol of the neighborhood." On January 1, 1863, he married Mary Jane Ransbottom, and two children were born to them, viz: Edwin Clyde and Walter Clinton, the latter of whom died aged one year and 10 months. The mother was born in Sugar Creek township, Allen County, Ohio, October 2, 1840, and is a daughter of Wesley B. and Emily (Wright) Ransbottom, natives of Virginia. She still survives, being an esteemed resident of LaFayette.

Edwin Clyde Akerman was left fatherless at the age of four years. He was seven years old when he removed from the farm to LaFayette and he remained in that village until 23 years of age, attending school until his 17th year. He then began to teach and has continued in this profession until the present time. In 1887 he became principal of the Bluffton High School and filled the position most satisfactorily. He remained in charge for four years and then resigned in order to complete his college course in the Ohio Normal University, where he was graduated in 1892, with honors.

It was in 1892 that he received a High School life certificate and in the same year was

elected to the superintendency of the public schools of Elida, Ohio. In 1897 he returned to Bluffton to assume charge of the high school and he remained in that position until 1900, when he was elected superintendent of the schools of Bluffton. For these important positions Mr. Akerman proved to be eminently qualified. Politically, Mr. Akerman has always been identified with the Democratic party. He was elected to the office of county auditor in November, 1905, his election being not entirely a party favor but in large part a token of personal popularity.

He is one of the valued members of the Allen County Teachers' Association, the Northwestern Ohio Teachers' Association and the Ohio State Teachers' Association.

Mr. Akerman was married August 27, 1888, to Sarah Augusta Butterfoss, who was born in Hardin County, Ohio, and is a daughter of C. W. and Millie (Roby) Butterfoss. They have two children—Audrey and Opal. The family belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church and since 1895 Mr. Akerman has been secretary of the official board. On January 1, 1901, he assumed the duties of Sunday-school superintendent. In fraternal life he is a Mason, an Odd Fellow and a Woodman.



FREDERICK AGERTER. Among the former business men of Lima, who for years was prominently connected with the city's machine interests, was Frederick Agerter, whose portrait accompanies this sketch. He was born in Switzerland, March 3, 1833, and died in Lima, September 15, 1883.

Frederick Agerter had not reached his majority when he emigrated to America in search of better industrial conditions than he found in his native land. In 1858 he settled at Sandusky, Ohio, and worked at various points until the outbreak of the Civil War. He enjoyed the honorable distinction of being the first man to enlist from Wyandot County, joining Company C, 15th Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf. After the close of his first term of service, he re-enlisted,



in Company D, 81st Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf. He remained in the service for 15 months, when he resigned his commission as 1st lieutenant, on account of ill health. Upon his return from the war, he was elected county clerk of Wyandot County, and, by a succeeding election, served in that office for a period of six years.

In 1869 Mr. Agerter came to Lima, and with four partners immediately engaged in the machine business, the firm being known as Carnes, Agerter & Company. They had extensive machine shops and greatly prospered, Mr. Agerter remaining secretary and treasurer of the firm for 14 years, or until the time of his death. As a business man he was energetic and capable, and noted for his thoroughly honest and upright methods. He began life with good educational advantages but no capital, and through energy and perseverance he accumulated a fortune.

Mr. Agerter married Martha J. Brown, a daughter of James Brown, of Virginia, her father being a son of Captain Oliver Brown, of the Revolutionary War. They had these children: Rosa J. (Hill), of Lima; Sally L. (Mrs. A. D. Cameron); Harriet C. (Mrs. E. E. Stoll), of Massachusetts; Martha W. (Mrs. H. M. Jenks), of England; Caroline J., who resides with her mother in the beautiful home at No. 890 West Market street, Lima, and Frederick Brown, who died at the age of 28 years and left one child, Harry M.

In politics Mr. Agerter was a Democrat. Fraternally he was identified with the Masons and the Odd Fellows. He was a man of sterling character, one who commanded the respect of all who knew him. The family belong to the Presbyterian Church.

**J** BOYD DOUGLASS, a popular grocer of Lima, was born in Bellefontaine, Ohio, in 1865, but has been a resident of this city since his seventh year. His father, John C. Douglass, is a resident of Forest, Hardin County, Ohio, where he operates a large flouring-mill. He has been engaged in the milling industry for more than 40 years, 19 of which were spent in running a mill in Lima, where he has many warm friends.

J. Boyd Douglass was educated in the public schools of Lima and entered his father's mill while a lad to master the trade. He was engaged in milling about 12 years, finally abandoning the occupation to accept the office of deputy clerk of the Probate Court of Allen County, a position he held for two years. He was also city clerk of Lima two years, after which he again embarked in commercial life. He opened a grocery store and meat market which was located on Spring street for about four years. Then he removed to his present commodious quarters at No. 407 West High street, where he conducts one of the cleanest and best stocked groceries in the city.

Mr. Douglass was married in 1897 to Emma Smith, daughter of S. A. Smith, a contractor of Lima. To this union one child, John S., was born. Mr. Douglass is a member of the Market Street Presbyterian Church.

**E**UGENE C. MACKENZIE, manager of the Fidelity Coal & Supply Company, of Lima, was born in 1856 at Kalida, Putnam County, and is a son of Judge James Mackenzie, whose biography appears elsewhere in this volume. The family came to Allen County in 1858 and here our subject was educated and grew to manhood.

Young Mackenzie had not yet attained his majority when he was chosen deputy clerk of Allen County in 1876, and he was still holding that position in 1882 when he was elected to the office of county clerk. He was reelected in 1885. After serving two terms, he retired from political life and purchased a flouring-mill, which he operated until it was burned down in 1892. After the destruction of his mill, he was tendered a position with the Manhattan Oil Company, and took charge of the shipping department of their refinery in Wood County, Ohio. He remained with them until the Fidelity Coal & Supply Company was organized in 1900, when he returned to Lima to act as their manager, and has been retained in that capacity since.

Mr. Mackenzie was married in 1880 to Ella





Gorton, daughter of one of the pioneer business men of Lima, W. B. Gorton. They have two children, Helen M. and James Gorton, the latter of whom was graduated from the Lima schools and is now studying architecture, preparatory to entering a school of architecture this year. Mr. Mackenzie is a 32nd degree Mason with membership in all the Lima bodies; he belongs to the Cincinnati Consistory.



H. MACKENZIE, a large brick manufacturer of Delphos, was born in Jackson township, Seneca County, Ohio, on the 7th of September, 1848, and is a son of Rev.

John T. Mackenzie.

When he was four years old the parents of Mr. Mackenzie moved to Allen County, and settled on a farm in Spencer township, where he attended the district schools. When 21 years old he started into business for himself as a farmer, and until 15 years ago continued to be interested in agriculture. Since then he has operated one of the largest brick yards in the vicinity of Delphos. The capacity of his yard is 20,000 brick in an eight-hour day or nearly 1,000,000 in the season—from April to November. Fully two-thirds of the brick manufactured are shipped away. Mr. Mackenzie purchased this plant in 1900 from Bour Brothers and under his management it grew into a large industry. The plant is located right at the clay banks and every facility has been added to ensure the quality of brick and its economic handling.

Mr. Mackenzie has been a very useful and public spirited citizen. During several years, when he served on the City Council, he devoted his energies to securing many city improvements, including permanent sidewalks and a fine sewer system.

Mr. Mackenzie married Amelia Steiger, daughter of an old pioneer of Allen County, the late George Steiger, who died in April, 1901. Mr. and Mrs. Mackenzie have one daughter, Laura Ann, who is the wife of G. Searles, a funeral director at Delphos. Mr.

and Mrs. Searles have three children: Harold, Howard and Gladys.

Politically, Mr. Mackenzie has always been more or less active. He is one of the leading members of the United Brethren Church at Delphos, has been its treasurer for many years and has been its representative to the general conference. With his wife, Mr. Mackenzie has visited many parts of the United States from coast to coast. Mrs. Mackenzie has made a most interesting collection of pictures and notes of these travels.



D. OWEN, of the firm of Palmer & Owen, carriage manufacturers, of Lima, was reared in Kenton, Hardin County, Ohio, in which place he was born in 1871. His father was James Owen, now deceased, who was a stone contractor and conducted an extensive business at Kenton.

Mr. Owen was educated in his native village and then entered the employ of the Champion Fence Company of that place, remaining with that concern one and a half years. Having decided to learn the carriage manufacturing business, he secured work with Pool Brothers, engaged in that line, and two years later accepted a position with the H. Keiser Buggy Company. During the seven years he was in the service of this company he became proficient in his work, and the succeeding years were spent working at his trade in various towns of the State—Washington Court House, Yellow Springs and Defiance, each being the scene of his labors before he became identified with the Collins Buggy Company, of Akron, Ohio. During his residence in Akron, Ohio, he spent two years at various night schools, studying mechanical drawing and designing, in which branches he became very proficient; also, for several months, he was a student of the International Correspondence Schools of Scranton, Pennsylvania. In 1899 he left the employ of the Collins Buggy Company to establish his present business in Lima, becoming a partner of J. B. Palmer. The firm of Palmer & Owen has been



an assured success from the first. They have experienced a constantly growing demand for their carriages and buggies. Mr. Owen, with J. B. Palmer and John W. Swan, owns and operates the Lima Motor Car Company, and his public spirit and enterprise have made him a valuable acquisition to the city.

Mr. Owen was married March 5, 1892, to Austa Lynch, a daughter of Alonzo Lynch, of Kenton, Ohio. Mr. Owen is an active worker in Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he is a member, and is also connected with the Masonic fraternity.

**W**ILLIAM H. HOLMAN, a prominent farmer of section 34, Jackson township, is a native of Allen County, having been born in Jackson township on January 20, 1854.

His parents were Daniel and Rebecca (Snyder) Holman, the former a native of Ross County and the latter, of Perry County, this State.

Daniel Holman went from Ross County to Delaware County with his parents at an early day and lived there until 1845 when, with a brother and sister, he came to Allen County and took up a tract of timberland in Jackson township. He was a cripple for the greater part of his life, but was able to oversee the cultivation of his farm, upon which he died in his 66th year, a little less than one month after his wife had been laid to rest. Their family consisted of six children, namely: William H.; Sarah Elizabeth, who was twice married—first to a Mr. Hesser and after his death to a Mr. Austin, of Harrod; Edward; Alice, wife of Henderson Fackler, of LaFayette; John, of Harrod; and Amos, of Lima.

Mr. Holman was reared on his father's farm and received his education in the public schools. He has always been engaged in agriculture and moved to his present farm about 16 years ago. Previously he had rented the land he tilled. He cleared the timber and underbrush from 55 of his 80 acres, and erected the buildings which are now on the place. His

wife was formerly Susan Fisher, who was born on this place, her parents being Michael and Elizabeth (Anspach) Fisher, who came here from Perry County and acquired a large amount of land. Mr. and Mrs. Holman have but two children, Lily and Arthur. They are members of the Lutheran Church, of which Mr. Holman has been trustee for nine years. He does not take a great deal of interest in politics, but votes the Democratic ticket.

**G**EN. O. H. HOLLISTER, assistant quartermaster general of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Ohio, and a valued citizen of Lima, now lives at his pleasant home at No. 557 West Spring street, retired from active business life, but with many memories of the strenuous years now past, during which he earned honorable distinction on the field of battle, in public office and in commercial affairs. General Hollister was born at Warrensville, near Cleveland, Ohio, January 30, 1837, and is a son of Samuel C. Hollister.

General Hollister comes of Revolutionary stock, his grandfather, Appleton Hollister, having served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War. His father followed the peaceful pursuits of agriculture in Crawford County, Pennsylvania, but was also a man of loyal spirit and deeply concerned in public affairs. He was one of the early abolitionists and concerned in nearly all of their movements.

The subject of this sketch was reared and educated in Ohio, whither the family removed at an early day. He remained on the home farm until the outbreak of the Civil War, when he enlisted, June 5, 1861, in Company I, 10th Reg., Pennsylvania Reserves, being mustered into the United States service at Pittsburg. His regiment reached Washington City on the night after the first battle of Bull Run, and the command assisted in the building of Fort Pennsylvania, on Georgetown Heights. The young soldier faced the enemy first at a point called Dranesville, then to Mechanicsville, Virginia, and





on the third occasion, at Gaines' Mill. Although this last battle was by no means the most serious of the war to the country at large, it was most memorable to our subject, as it was here that he was wounded so severely as to necessitate the amputation of his left arm, on August 9, 1862, at Washington. His honorable discharge followed on September 12th, when he returned to Pennsylvania where his people were then living.

In the course of time Mr. Hollister recuperated from the injury which closed his military career, and received the appointment of deputy collector of internal revenue, which recognition of his worth was followed in October, 1863, by his election as clerk of the Court of Quarter Sessions in the Orphans' Court. He was reelected in 1866, and served in that position with the greatest efficiency for a period of six years. In 1870 he was appointed county enumerator, and took the census that year at Meadville. In 1871 he was chosen clerk of the Board of County Commissioners and directors of the poor, and for 20 years he continued to satisfactorily perform the duties of that position. During the administration of President Harrison, he served for three years as postmaster at Meadville, Pennsylvania. During all the years when he was under public observation, it is certainly to his credit that no breath of scandal ever touched his honorable name. In 1898 he came to Lima, and continued with the Buckeye Pipe Line Company for a year and a half, when he resigned, he was succeeded by his son.

In 1904 he was appointed assistant quartermaster general of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Ohio, a body in which he has taken the deepest interest. He is also the adjutant of Mart Armstrong Post, No. 202, G. A. R., of Lima, and is very prominent in everything pertaining to the welfare of the order.

General Hollister was married April 21, 1864, to Mary E. Wilson, who is a daughter of Maj. Robert Wilson, of the Pennsylvania National Guard, who also served as County Auditor of Crawford County, Pennsylvania. General and Mrs. Hollister have two children,

viz: Anna I., wife of Roland B. Thompson, a merchant of Meadville, Pennsylvania, and Charles W., who is with the Buckeye Pipe Line Company, at Lima. Since 1866 our esteemed subject has been a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and still takes an active interest in the work and aims of the fraternity.

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**L**ON S. BROWER, one of the well-known residents of German township, resides on his valuable farm of 100 acres, which is just three and a half miles west of the Court House in Lima, and just south of the Allentown road. Mr. Brower was born in Sugar Creek township, Allen County, Ohio, November 22, 1854, and is a son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Stevens) Brower.

The great-grandfather of Mr. Brower came to America from Holland, settled in Pennsylvania and later moving to Virginia. There his son, John Brower, was born and spent his whole life. Joseph Brower, father of Lon S., was born in Rockingham County, Virginia, and came to Allen County, when 16 years of age, settling in Sugar Creek township, where he lived all through his active life, casting every vote there until 1896, when he took up his home with our subject. He married Elizabeth Stevens who was born at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and was a daughter of John Stevens who emigrated from Carmarthenshire, South Wales. They had three sons and one daughter viz: Rachel, who died aged nine years; John, who died aged six years; Abraham L., a college graduate of Lebanon, Ohio, and later principal of the schools of Seattle, Washington, where he resides, who married Ella Steman, of Logan County, Ohio; and Lon S., of this sketch.

Lon S. Brower was reared and educated in Sugar Creek township and has followed agricultural pursuits all his life. For eight years after his marriage he lived in Sugar Creek township, and then purchased his present farm from his brother-in-law, A. Young. It is one of the most valuable farms in the



county; while Mr. Brower carries on general farming, he makes a specialty of raising corn, as do many of his neighbors.

Mr. Brower was married December 18, 1879, to Martha Pfeifer, who is a daughter of Nicholas Pfeifer, one of the pioneers of German township. The ceremony took place in the home which they now occupy, Mrs. Brower at that time residing with her sister, Mrs. Young. Mr. and Mrs. Brower have two daughters—Blanche and Hazel. The former was born June 28, 1881, and was married to Jacob Bowers of Canton, Ohio, November 24, 1904. They were classmates at Lima College, where both graduated. They reside at Fostoria, Ohio, where Mr. Brower is principal of the schools. Hazel, the second daughter, was born August 1, 1885, and is an accomplished young lady, a graduate of the Lima High School. Mr. Brower is a staunch member of the Republican party and is serving his township as a member of the School Board.

**F**REDERICK PHILIP BEUTNER, one of Allen County's prominent farmers and good citizens, who resides on his well-improved farm of 169 acres, located in section 27, Marion township, belongs to one of the pioneer families of this locality. He was born at Delphos, Allen County, Ohio, April 7, 1862, and is a son of Frederick and Johanna (Frombach) Beutner.

Frederick Beutner was born in the same year that witnessed the birth of Queen Victoria, of England. His parents were honest, industrious Germans and he was born in Germany, February 25, 1819, and learned the trade of shoemaker when he was still a very young man. As a journeyman he traveled over a large part of Europe. After working for some years in that way, he decided to try his fortune in America. He landed from a sailing vessel at New York, with but 50 cents in his pocket. From this small capital Mr. Beutner, by industry and frugality, built up a comfortable competency and now, in the evening of life, living as a beloved member of the families of his sons, as best pleases him, he is

able to command a capital of no mean size. From New York he went to Buffalo and thence in 1854 to Delphos, where he opened a shop; he also bought a farm of 120 acres in section 22, Marion township. He now owns 130 acres in Allen County and a tract of 80 acres in Van Wert County.

Frederick Beutner was united in marriage, in 1854, at Buffalo, New York, to Johanna Frombach, who was born in Germany, September 4, 1827, died in Ohio, December 15, 1904, and was laid to rest December 18, 1904. They had four sons: Frederick, Carl, John Ludwig and Frederick Philip. The two older children died in infancy. John Ludwig Beutner is a prominent farmer of Marion township, residing in section 23.

Frederick P. Beutner attended school at Delphos until he was 14 years old. He then became a cash boy in a grocery store and subsequently worked under his father for a year at the shoemaking trade. Later he engaged in a harness business and worked for five years with Longworth at Delphos. An accident by which he suffered the loss of several of his fingers compelled him to abandon work at this trade and he then went to farming, his father giving him a fine property of more than 169 acres in section 27, Marion township. Our subject has reditched the farm, has built a number of substantial buildings upon it and remodeled others, each improvement adding to the value of the property. It was formerly known as the "Beutner Picnic Grounds."

On December 24, 1887, Mr. Beutner was married to Delma A. Patton, who was born March 9, 1868, in Marion township, Allen County, Ohio, and is a daughter of Andrew Jackson and Mary Jane (Moyer) Patton. The four children of this marriage are: Carl Fredrick, born January 2, 1889, Robin Adair, born January 1, 1891; Donald Clair, born August 4, 1894; and Helen, born August 26, 1899.

In his religious views Mr. Beutner is liberal. He is an independent voter, casting his ballot for the candidate he judges to be most efficient.

ANDREW JACKSON PATTON, father of Mrs. Beutner, was born September 16, 1826, in Al-







MR. AND MRS. ABRAM P. KIPLINGER AND FAMILY





len County, Ohio, on the farm now occupied by Minor T. Long. He is the eldest of 10 children born to John and Rachel (Clawson) Patton, who were from Pennsylvania. The children of these Ohio pioneers were: Andrew Jackson, now in his 80th year; Hannah, Ann, Mary, Frederick, William, Philip and Susanna. John Patton died on his 40 acre farm in Allen County. His son William, who is a farmer in Marion township, was a member of the 99th Regiment, Ohio Vol. Inf., from 1862 until June, 1865. He took part in the battles of Stone River, Chickamauga, Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge and Ringgold, Georgia. He was with Sherman in the great "March to the Sea" and with Thomas in the campaign against Hood. In April, 1866, he married Catherine Jacobs, who was born in 1846 in Seneca County, Ohio, and they have 10 children. In 1877 he bought 23 acres of land in section 18, Marion township, on the Spencerville road.

The children of Andrew Jackson Patton and wife were 10 in number; of these the following survive: F. R., W. E., Franklin B., Josephine (Mrs. Nelson Bryan), Jacob S. and Delma A., wife of our subject. The two youngest members of the family (twins) died at birth, with their mother.

Mr. Patton is one of the representative men of Marion township and he has done much in the way of its material development. As the result of his individual efforts, 220 acres were cleared from the native forest.

**A**BRAM PHILANDER KIPLINGER, the well-known horticulturist of Perry township, has a productive fruit farm of 67 acres in section 27, where he raises the most delicious fruits to be found in this part of the State. Mr. Kiplinger was born in Clark County, Ohio, near the city of Springfield, December 21, 1843, and is a representative of one of the oldest families in the State. His parents were Philip and Mahala (Shockey) Kiplinger and his grandparents, Daniel and Elizabeth (Pence) Kiplinger. The family was founded in America more than 200 years ago and its members have been residents

of Ohio for more than a century, the great-grandfather of our subject having settled in Clark County where his remains were laid to rest.

Daniel Kiplinger was a native of Virginia, whence he came by ox team to Clark County and where he died April 8, 1867, at the age of 74 years. His wife, Elizabeth Pence, was also a native of Virginia. They entered 300 acres of land in Clark county, and some idea of the honorable character of the man may be gleaned from the following endorsement which is found on the deed to the property: "I this day walked to Cincinnati to make final payment of one dollar and fifty cents on this land." A man whose conscientious scruples would induce him to walk that distance to discharge so paltry a debt certainly left the impress of his nobility upon his descendants, while he himself was held in the highest esteem. He reared four children—Jacob, Daniel, Philip and Elizabeth, who married a Mr. Loudenbach.

Philip Kiplinger was born in January, 1804, in the Luray Valley, Virginia. When a child of two years his parents removed to Ohio, and from that time, his entire life was passed on a farm in Clark County. He was a member of the State militia and acted as guard against the Indians at Fort Defiance. He married Mahala Shockey who was born in Kentucky, October 29, 1806. Her parents were William and ——— (Casseldine) Shockey, of North Carolina, who bore their part in the frontier Indian wars of Kentucky. In addition to doing her housework and rearing a family of 15 children, she wove the cloth which she afterward made into their garments, and, when her husband was away from home, assumed his work, even to the extent of sawing lumber. She died January 2, 1887, leaving behind a blessed memory. The children of Philip Kiplinger and his wife were as follows: Daniel, a resident of Lima; William, James and Louisa, deceased; Elizabeth (Senseman) and Hannah (Moles) twins; John Wesley, who died in infancy; Wesley Harrison; Isaac Emory, deceased; Samuel, who died of smallpox in the Civil war; Philip Anthony and Joseph Conray, twins—the former a resident of Louisiana and the latter, of Findlay, Ohio; Abram Philander; Lucetta Caroline,





who married Rev. A. J. Fish; and Brazell Franklin, who died in Springfield, Ohio, at the age of 54 years.

Abram P. Kiplinger attended the common schools and remained at home until his 18th year, when, in January, 1862, he enlisted for service in the Civil War, as a member of Company E, 60th Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf. At Harper's Ferry he was taken prisoner and later sent to Chicago on parole, remaining there seven weeks until his term of enlistment had expired. Re-enlisting in Company H, 32d Ohio Regiment, he became a member of the Third Brigade, Fourth Division, 17th Army Corps, under the command of General Blair and was sent to Vicksburg where he joined a command detailed for guard duty. He returned home on a veteran's furlough for 30 days, and, after, he had recuperated and visited relatives and friends, once more sought the scene of army activities. He first went to Cairo, where he took a steamer to Clifton, Tennessee, and thence assumed a wearing march which only terminated when General Sherman's army was reached near Atlanta. The siege of Atlanta continued 120 days and on the 22d of July, 1864, from 11 o'clock in the morning until 9 o'clock at night the contest was a hand-to-hand fight between the contending forces, the latter part of the engagement being fought in darkness. In this fierce engagement Mr. Kiplinger's regiment lost 140 men, but it was the beginning of the end of that great struggle. In October a 300-mile dash was made after General Hood, which ended in the latter's army being scattered and broken up. After this came the memorable "March to the Sea." The army left Marietta, Georgia, with 70,000 head of cattle, which were to furnish fresh meat for the men on the march; but, like the marches, the meat was tough and little enjoyed by the weary soldiers. Leaving Savannah after a three-weeks' stay there, the army made a 55 days' march through the Carolinas, covering a distance of 550 miles by way of Columbia, which they burned. Then on through Orangeburg to Raleigh, being compelled to wade through swamps in order to reach the Rebels, who felt secure in the belief that the undertaking would be too great for the Yankees to attempt. At

Raleigh the last fight with Johnston occurred, the soldiers marching thence to Washington where the Grand Review was held. After going into camp at Louisville, they went to Columbus where they were discharged.

Mr. Kiplinger was a carpenter by trade, and he now returned to that occupation, for 17 years being engaged in that calling in Lima. In September, 1883, he moved to his present residence in Perry township where he has 67 acres of land and devotes his time to farming and fruit-raising. Mr. Kiplinger has given especial and successful attention to cultivating strawberries and small fruits and vegetables.

Mr. Kiplinger was married June 23, 1868, to Orissa Kelsey, by whom he has three children—Velora, Ella and Ethel. Velora was born December 1, 1869, and is the wife of Millard Winegardner and the mother of three children—Imogene, Doyle and Lester L. Ella was born March 7, 1874, and married A. C. Smith, of Auglaize County. Their children are Beatrice and Albert Nolen. Ethel was born September 26, 1884, and married Doc. Horn, October 25, 1905. Mrs. Kiplinger is a native of Vermont and was born September 5, 1848. Her parents were Elias and Mary Ann (Gilbert) Kelsey, the father a native of Vermont and the mother of Plainfield, New Hampshire. Her maternal ancestors were "Mayflower" pilgrims; her grandfather Kelsey and grandfather Gilbert took part in the war of 1812, and her great-grandfather Kelsey was a soldier in the Revolution. Mr. and Mrs. Kiplinger are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and are consistent Christian people. Mr. Kiplinger is a prominent member of the G. A. R. and a staunch Republican.

A group picture of Mr. and Mrs. Kiplinger and family accompanies the foregoing sketch, being presented on a preceding page.

**OTTO G. TAGUE**, who is extensively engaged in the oil industry in Ohio and Indiana oil fields, is also well-known through this section as a newspaper man and since 1902 he has been proprietor and editor of the *Oil News*, a monthly journal which he founded and



which is entirely devoted to the oil industry. Mr. Tague was born in 1877 in Switzerland County, Indiana, and is a son of James Tague, who superintends his son's large oil properties.

Mr. Tague was educated in the public schools of Ohio and when his education was complete he went out on the road for the publishing firm of Rand, McNally & Company of Chicago, and was connected with their advertising department for four years.

In 1900 Mr. Tague left off traveling in order to accept the editorship of the *Van Wert Times*, at Van Wert, Ohio, but in less than a year he came to Lima where the field was larger and was connected with the *Republican-Gazette* until 1902 when he established the *Oil News*. This journal filled a long-felt want and its circulation extends all over the world, subscribers being found in South America and in South Africa.

Mr. Tague has not been satisfied with literary laurels but has been interested in a very practical way in large oil interests for some years. He is president of several oil companies in the Ohio and Indiana fields and he is also interested in Dr. S. A. Baxter's copper mines in South Dakota.

In 1902 Mr. Tague was married to Laura M. Watts, who is a daughter of A. H. Watts, superintendent of the motive power department of the Cincinnati & Northern Railroad. Mr. and Mrs. Tague are the parents of one daughter,—Beatrice.

Fraternally Mr. Tague has membership with the Masons and the Elks. His offices are in the Opera House Block, Lima. He is one of the city's busy and successful men.

**M**P. COLT, local manager of the National Supply Company, of Lima, has been connected with this company for the past 12 years, eight of which have been spent in Lima in his present office. He was born in Erie County, Pennsylvania, in 1870, was there educated and reared on a farm, which was his home until he reached his ma-

jority. He then came to the Ohio Oil field and secured employment with the Manhattan Oil Company. Two years later he accepted a lucrative position in the clerical department of the National Supply Company, of Wood County, and has worked his way up by the interest and energy he has shown in the business. The main offices are at Toledo, Ohio, with 70 branch offices, where all the tools used in the production of oil are handled.

Mr. Colt has operated in every oil field in the Union, except Texas. He established the first supply store opened in Kansas, and started the store for the National Supply Company in California. In 1897 he came to Lima as the local manager of the company and conducts a very successful business. He has large business interests, being engaged in oil production in the field of Ohio and Indiana; director in The Lima Trust Company; stockholder in the Crystal Ice & Coal Company; stockholder of the First National Bank of Cuba, New York; and also in the Lima Driving Park Association. He is a genial, affable gentleman who, notwithstanding his complex business interests, finds time for recreation and a social hour with his friends. Mr. Colt was married in 1894 to Hattie Clayton, of Bluffton, Indiana.

**A**NDREW J. CHAPMAN, one of the substantial farmers of Allen County, was born in Butler County, Ohio, May 22, 1833. He has been a resident of Perry township since 1837, and is the owner of a fine farm in section 35. His parents were Lewis and Catherine (McTaggart) Chapman, who moved from Pennsylvania to Allen County in 1837. Eight years later Lewis Chapman, who was a farmer, died. He was a Democrat and a member of the Hard-Shell Baptist Church at Lima. There was born to him and his wife, Catherine McTaggart, five children, three of whom died in infancy. The two surviving are J. H., who was born August 16, 1834, and Andrew J. Mrs. Chapman passed away in the autumn of 1877.

Andrew J. Chapman attended school in

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the same district in which he now lives excepting the time spent in the Civil War, and remained at home until his marriage. He first enlisted in September, 1861, in Company D, 54th Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf. After serving for 19 months and 18 days he received a certificate of discharge from the surgeon on account of disability. Having regained his health, he re-enlisted in 1864 in Company B, 151st Ohio, and served 100 days, receiving his discharge August 27, 1864. The first important engagement in which he participated was at Washington City, when General Early made his raid upon it. Returning to Ohio, he again took up farming and has continued in that occupation ever since. He bought 90 acres of land in section 35, Perry township, and about 1875 built a comfortable modern residence and otherwise improved his property, making it one of the most desirable in the township. In addition to this farm, Mrs. Chapman owns 38 acres in section 25, Perry township, which she inherited from her father.

Mr. Chapman has been twice married. On May 2, 1866, he was married to Letitia Kerr, daughter of Alexander E. Kerr, who resided in Auglaize township. She died in November, 1867, and on May 9, 1869, Mr. Chapman was united in marriage to his present wife who was formerly Anna Bowdle. Mrs. Chapman was born April 23, 1845, and is a daughter of Jesse L. Bowdle, of Perry township. To this union seven children were born, as follows: Harley Weston, born February 28, 1870, who married Ora Sherfey and resides in Lima; Effie W. (Stevenson), born January 3, 1872, who has three children, Lucille, Walter and Evelyn, and lives in Perry township; Laura L. (Moyer), born July 14, 1874, who is the mother of four children—Naomi, Doyle, Charles and Ernest; Sarah E. (Naylor), born April 24, 1878, who is the mother of one child—Vera; Jesse G., born December 11, 1880, who married Bessie Baker, has one child, Pansy, and resides in Kossuth, Auglaize County; Bessie M., born October 29, 1883, and Charles H., born August 31, 1886, who lives at home. Mr. Chapman is a Republican and has served as assessor and township treasurer.

He is a member of Armstrong Post, No. 202, G. A. R., and of the Methodist Episcopal Church.



APT. C. F. DONZE, one of the prominent citizens of Lima, who is identified with the city's material development and its business and social life, is a native of France, a country which has contributed largely to the good citizenship of America. Captain Donze was born June 5, 1844, and accompanied his parents to America at the age of five years.

The parents of our subject settled in Williams County, Ohio, and there the boy was reared and educated, and imbibed the patriotic feelings which induced him, a youth of but 17 years, to enlist in the defense of the flag of his adopted country. In August, 1861, he became a member of Company A, 38th Reg. Ohio Vol. Inf., remaining with the same company when it veteranized two years later. He was with the same regiment until the close of the war, with the exception of the times when on detached duty. His service covered three years and 11 months, and he was mustered out on July 22, 1865 at the close of the war. He took part in every engagement of the regiment, participating in the whole campaign under General Rosecrans through Kentucky and Tennessee, the battles of Chickamauga and Missionary Ridge, then on to Atlanta, thence to Jonesboro, back to Kingston, and under General Sherman in his famous "March to the Sea;" then up through the Carolinas to the Grand Review at Washington.


Captain Donze did not escape injury during these years of exposure and dangers. He was wounded on several occasions, the most serious one being received at the battle of Jonesboro, Georgia, on September 1, 1864. Enlisting as a private, he was rapidly advanced, later becoming sergeant and color-bearer. With him it is a cherished privilege to meet his old comrades at the yearly reunions and to carry again his old flag, which he so gallantly upheld when bullets rained about him



and the enemy's deadly shells were exploding above his head. His company went out with a membership of 101; 120 recruits were mustered into the service during the war, and of the original muster, 29 answered the muster-call at the close of the war.

After his army life was over, Captain Donze returned home and spent his first winter attending school. In the spring of 1866 he engaged in a hardware business at Bryan, Ohio and at other points under the firm name of Garver, Donze & Company. In 1878 he came to Lima and continued in the hardware business for some seven years, later in the furniture line and still later became interested in milling. In April, 1904, he sold out his milling interests and since then has not been in active business life. Although this is true, it does not mean that he has retired from all activity as to public concern and public-spirited movements, for he is now, as formerly, alive to everything which closely concerns his city. He is a large owner of real estate and built the Donze & Krauss Block, on North Main street and the fine three-story Donze Block on South Main street, which is 50 by 90 feet; also a block on Spring street, which has 50 feet frontage and a part of which is 60 and the remainder 97 feet deep.

Captain Donze is a member of the City Board of Review of Lima, a member of the board of trustees of the Masonic Hall Company and a member of the executive committee and of the board of directors of the Lima Progressive Association. He belongs also to the Country Club. In addition he is a Mason, belonging to the Blue Lodge, Council and Commandery at Lima and to Antioch Temple, of the Mystic Shrine at Dayton. He is also a member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

ILLIAM WARLOW POWELL, a retired butcher of Lima, resides on a farm in section 13, Bath township, where he is engaged in general farming and stock-raising. He was born in Montgomeryshire, North Wales, May 20, 1830, and is a son of James and Mary Harriet (Cowdal) Powell. His

mother was related to Nelson and Warlow and both parents were natives of Wales, as were their ancestors as far back as can be traced. Squire Thomas Powell, the grandfather of our subject, was a magistrate of Wales and an earnest follower of John Wesley, taking an active part in the religious strife of that age. One of his sons, Matthew Powell, led the Welsh guerrillas at the famous battle of Waterloo. The family were remarkable for their longevity, the grandparents passing their 80th milestone and the father being past 90 at death. James Powell was a leather dresser, having learned that trade with his father.

William Warlow Powell was one of eight children, five sisters and three brothers, and was the only one of the family to leave Wales. He lived on a farm until he was about 22 years of age when he learned the trade of a butcher, working at the business both in Wales and England. After mastering the trade in Shropshire, he opened a shop for himself in Newtown, where he did a good business for that country. Having made the acquaintance of a butcher in London, who catered to the wants of the royal family, Mr. Powell supplied him with Welsh mutton for the royal table for three years. In the fall of 1865 he came to America and proceeded from New York to Dayton, Ohio, where he remained a short time before coming to Lima. Here he opened a butcher shop which he conducted for 20 years, and soon worked up a lucrative patronage, which continued with him until his retirement from the business. He then turned his attention to agriculture, moving on the farm with his wife's father. Mr. Powell has been equally successful in his farming operations and now owns three adjoining farms in Bath township—one of 40 acres, one of 54 acres and the homestead on which he lives, which consists of 80 acres.

Mr. Powell was married in 1868, to Martha Jane Cobean, who was born in Logan County, Ohio, February 9, 1840, but has been a resident here since early girlhood, her father, Samuel Cobean, having brought his family to this locality when it was little more than a wilderness. Their family consists of the following children, viz: Mary H., wife of C. H. Palsor,







of Lima; Emma R.; Ida Bell, wife of Joseph I. Thayer, of Perrysburg, Ohio; Susan; Sarah; and Thomas E., a farmer of Bath township, who married Dona Stinson; whose father lives in Bath township. Mr. Powell is a devout Methodist, having joined that church in Wales when a lad of 17 years.

**J**W. ROWLANDS, one of Lima's leading citizens, a prominent merchant and vice-president of the Lima Driving Park Association, was born in this city in 1861, and is a son of Daniel Rowlands, one of its honored retired citizens, who was formerly largely interested in real estate. Daniel Rowlands built the paper mills at Piqua and Upper Sandusky, Ohio, and for a number of years was manager of the Lima Paper Mills. He also served on the Water Works Board at Lima.

J. W. Rowlands was educated in the public schools of Lima and the Ohio Normal University at Ada, Ohio. With the exception of a period of eight years, during which he traveled in Indiana, Dakota and the West, he has lived continuously at Lima, where his business and social interests are centered. In 1886 Mr. Rowlands became associated in the furniture house of C. Betzer & Company, but in 1893 embarked in the same line of business for himself and, through enterprise and ability, has established the largest trade in the city. Mr. Rowlands has a fine location at No. 204 North Main street, where he utilizes 560 feet of floor space in displaying his goods, while his warehouse gives him 300 more feet. His stock is up-to-date in every particular, and, in addition to all the new conceits of fashion, includes all the old standard goods, with prices to suit the workingman and millionaire alike. In addition to his large business in this line, he is financially interested in a number of other successful enterprises. He is a large operator in Lima real estate, is one of the original stockholders in the Lima Trust Company, a stockholder in the Lima Telephone & Telegraph Company, and a director and vice-president of the Lima Driving Park Association, giving

his personal attention to these various interests and being naturally, one of the busiest men of the city.

In 1883 Mr. Rowlands was married to Lizzie M. Koller, of Tiffin, Ohio, who is a daughter of Henry O. Koller. They have two sons—Carl K. and Walter D.

Mr. Rowlands has served on the City Council and has been president of that body. Fraternally he is a Mason and an Elk.

**A**DAM D. LUGIBIHL, who conducts the leading hardware store at Bluffton, was born about six miles north of Bluffton, August 24, 1848. His parents were Christian and Barbara (Hilty) Lugibihl, both of whom were natives of Alsace, France. The father was born November 21, 1809, and came to the United States in 1824 with his father, Christian Lugibihl, Sr. Later he came to Ohio, where in 1835 he entered a quarter section of land in Riley township, Putnam County, which he farmed until his death. On February 1, 1838, he was married to Barbara Hilty, who was born April 5, 1814, and died October 3, 1853, just two years before her husband, who passed away on October 3, 1855. Nine children were born to them and eight of this number grew to adult years.

Adam D. Lugibihl was a child of five years when his mother was taken from him; when his father died two years later he came to Allen County and made his home with his uncle, David Lugibihl, for five years. The following four years he lived with a sister, then one year was spent with a cousin and one with a brother at the home. He had by this time reached the age of 18 and was ready to do for himself. He secured employment with a carpenter in order to learn the trade, which he followed in various places until he entered his present business. In this manner he managed to see considerable of the Western country and at the same time to keep constantly at work. The summer of 1867 was spent in St. Clair County, Illinois, and the two years following that in Kansas City.





*D. W. Steiner*





In 1870 he was employed on the construction of the Kansas Pacific Railroad, and during 15 months he was with the company the principal meat provided him was buffalo meat. Two months were spent in Denver and then in December, 1871, tired of the life of a rover he returned to Ohio. In June, 1872, Mr. Lugibihl and Peter Diller purchased the small stock of hardware at Bluffton, which had been carried by Ransom Bartlett, and opened the store under the firm name of Diller & Lugibihl. At that time the railroad had not yet reached Bluffton, but under the excellent management of the new firm the business grew and prospered until it was necessary to have additional room for the stock. Having erected a handsome brick building in 1873, they purchased the adjoining building in 1885, thus securing one of the best locations in the city and enabling them to make a much better showing of their goods in the large double store thus acquired. For 26 years these gentlemen conducted this large hardware business together, until November, 1898, when Mr. Diller retired and Mr. Lugibihl purchased the entire business, which he has since conducted very successfully by himself. It would be almost impossible to call for any article in the hardware line which is not to be found in his stock, from a tin cup to agricultural implements and builders' materials. About five years ago he became associated with H. D. Zerbach in manufacturing the "Boss" cream separator, the latter gentleman being manager of the plant, which is known as the Bluffton Cream Separator Company. Mr. Lugibihl is also a stockholder in the Bluffton Cement Block Company, and is not afraid of showing his confidence in Bluffton enterprise by investing his money in her industries.

In 1874 Mr. Lugibihl was married to Emma Reed, who was born in Hancock County, Ohio, November 18, 1855. Her parents were James and Susan K. (Lapham) Reed, the former from State of Pennsylvania and the latter of New England birth. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Lugibihl, namely: Edith, born in 1876, who is the wife of Bert Mann, a resident of Bowerston, Ohio; Pearl,

born August 21, 1878, who died April 26, 1883; Harley, born January 4, 1882; and Myron, born March 30, 1887. Mr. Lugibihl is a Republican, but has devoted little time to politics. He was a member of the Bluffton Council for three terms and gave the same energy to the transaction of the city affairs that he does to the conduct of his own business.

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**D**AVID W. STEINER, M. D., who is associated with his two brothers, Dr. Isaac F. and Dr. Oliver S. Steiner, in the practice of medicine and surgery, at Lima, is one of the eminent men in his profession in this section of the State. He was born near Bluffton, in Putnam County, Ohio, and is a son of Rev. Isaac and Mary Paulina (Rothen) Steiner.

The mother of Dr. Steiner was a daughter of Rev. David Rothen. Rev. Isaac Steiner, the father, was a minister of the Church of God and was actively engaged in ministerial work until his death. He owned a farm in Putnam County, where his children were reared.

Dr. David W. Steiner was educated primarily in the district schools and later entered the Northern Ohio University, where he was graduated with the degree of M. A., in 1880. He then became a student in the medical department of the University of Michigan, graduating in 1883, and becoming assistant professor of physiology and also an interne in the university hospital, where he remained until 1886. On January 10, 1887, he located for practice at Lima, where he has become one of the leading men of his profession. In 1897, a brother, Dr. Isaac Franklin Steiner, became associated with him, and in 1901 a second brother, Dr. Oliver S. Steiner, became a member of the firm. They are located in the Steiner Building at No. 123 North Elizabeth street, which they built in 1903. It was erected mainly as an office building and the Drs. Steiner occupy the first floor. The upper stories are rented as apartments. The structure is one of the finest in Lima, four stories high, with



marble floors, and is finished in oak. It is modern throughout.

Dr. David W. Steiner is consulting physician in the Lima Hospital and also controls a large and lucrative practice. He is examiner for a number of the leading insurance companies, these including the New York Mutual Life, Michigan Mutual Life, Home Life, of New York, and John Hancock Mutual Life. He is a member of the Ohio State and the Allen County medical societies and of the Northwestern Ohio and the American medical associations. His portrait accompanies this sketch.

ISAAC FRANKLIN STEINER, M. D., who is associated with his two brothers, Dr. David W. and Dr. Oliver S. Steiner, in the practice of medicine at Lima, was born November 3, 1867, near Bluffton, Ohio. He spent his youth and boyhood on his father's farm in Putnam County, obtained his early education in the local schools and later taught school for several terms. He then entered Findlay College, at Findlay, Ohio, where he remained through the junior year, and next entered the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, where he spent one year taking a special course in pharmacy and chemistry and then completed the regular medical course, receiving his degree in 1897. Coming to Lima after his graduation in medicine, he became associated in practice with his brother, Dr. David W. Steiner.

Dr. Isaac F. Steiner was married October 19, 1903, to Elizabeth Keil, who is a daughter of Philip and Elizabeth Keil. Dr. Steiner is a member of the Allen County Medical Society, and of the Northwestern Ohio and the American medical associations. He is medical examiner for the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company; Michigan Mutual Life Insurance Company; Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers; Knights of the Maccabees and other organizations. He is also visiting physician at the Lima Hospital.

OLIVER S. STEINER, M. D., physician and surgeon at Lima, associated in practice with his brothers, Dr. David W. and Dr. Isaac F. Steiner, is the youngest member of the firm. Dr. Steiner was born near Bluffton, Ohio, January 21, 1874, and his youth was passed on his father's farm. From the public schools he went

to Findlay College until the senior year, and then by examination for the senior year entered Wooster University at Wooster, Ohio, where he was graduated with the degree of Ph. B. He then entered the medical department of the University of Michigan, where he was graduated in 1901. Since then he has been associated with his brothers in the practice of his profession at Lima. In May, 1904, he received the appointment of surgeon for the C., H. & D. Railway. In November, 1905, he was elected to the office of coroner of Allen County on the Republican ticket.



HARLES E. ECKERT, senior member of the firm of Charles E. Eckert & Son, funeral directors and embalmers, at Lima, was born at Miltonville, Ohio, in 1853, and is a son of the late Capt. George Eckert.

Capt. George Eckert was one of the pioneer pottery manufacturers of Ohio, establishing his business in that line in 1837. His title was gained as captain of a company of "Squirrel Hunters," called to the defense of the State during the Morgan raids.

Charles E. Eckert was reared and educated in Butler County, Ohio, and his first work was done in his father's pottery. He learned the trade and followed it there until he was about 30 years of age, when he went to Canada, where he remained three years, operating two large brick plants which he built. Upon his return to Butler County, he was made superintendent of the Middletown Cemetery, and later entered the employ of A. T. Wilson, the Middletown undertaker. Five years later he came to Lima and was employed for five years by Mr. Grosjean, the undertaker. On April 23, 1902, he went into business for himself, establishing the firm of Charles E. Eckert & Son, which is one of the leading ones in its line in Lima. He is a graduate of the Clarke Cincinnati College of Embalming. His establishment is fitted with everything pertaining to modern embalming and the directing of funerals. He is a member of the Ohio Funeral Directors' and Embalmers' Association.

Mr. Eckert was married in 1873 to Delia







Antrim, who died in 1893, leaving two children, George W. and Keturah. In 1897 he was married to Minnie Dietz, of Trenton, Ohio.

Mr. Eckert belongs to the Royal Arcanum, the Knights of the Maccabees and to Solar Lodge, No. 783, I. O. O. F. He is a man of sterling character and enjoys the respect of his fellow-citizens.

**W**ILLIAM H. SMITH, an expert stationary engineer of Allen County, residing in section 22, German township, was born in this township, December 4, 1856. His parents, William B. and Barbara (Conrad) Smith, came here from Fairfield County; later they returned to that county where they lived five years until the death of the father. The widow and children returned to Allen County after the death of the father in 1863 and she is still a resident of German township. There were eleven children, viz: Taylor, Harrison, George W., Martin A., Jacob H., Richard E., William H., Isabelle, wife of David Reed; Mary C., wife of Jackson Kellar of Michigan; Barbara E., wife of John Baumgartner, and Sarah E., wife of Gilbert Snook.

William H. Smith began life as a wage earner in the sawmill of Isaac East in German township. Later he learned to run a threshing machine engine and now has a license as a stationary engineer and is one of the most competent engineers in the county. He is at present traveling for the International Harvester Company, as an expert operator.

Mr. Smith was married in 1877 to Margaret Remegan, daughter of Peter Remegan, of German township. They have one son, Delvert, born September 22, 1879, who is now in the employ of the Fort Wayne, Van Wert & Lima Traction Company, as motorman. Mr. Smith is a member of the United Brethren Church, of Elida, Ohio. In politics he is a Republican and was assessor of German township during 1904. He has served a number of years on the School Board and also as road supervisor.

**R**L. ARMSTRONG, well-known among the attorneys of Lima, is a native of Mercer County, having been born in Celina, where he reached manhood.

His father, Judge Stephen A. Armstrong, is a leading member of the legal profession in Mercer County, and for more than a quarter of a century, an honored and esteemed citizen of Celina. Judge Armstrong is a native of Canada, but has resided in Mercer County for the past 40 years. He has practiced his profession in Celina for more than 25 years and was, for a time, associated with ex-Senator J. D. Johnson. Judge Armstrong was prosecuting attorney of Mercer County several years, and is now serving his second term as judge of the Court of Common Pleas.

R. L. Armstrong graduated from the Celina High School previous to matriculating at the State University of Ohio at Columbus. He graduated from that institution in the class of 1900, and successfully passed his examinations for the bar, when he at once located in Lima, opening his office in August of the same year. He is a promising young practitioner, having already established a clientage, whose personnel speaks well for his ability and character. Mr. Armstrong is an active worker in the interest of good government, and takes a lively interest in political questions. During the Spanish-American War he enlisted in Company A, First Ohio Infantry, U. S. Volunteers, and entered the service as 1st corporal early in 1898. He was mustered out in November of the same year. Mr. Armstrong is a member of the Knights of Pythias and is also a Knight Templar Mason. He was married December 29, 1904, to Della D. Dow, daughter of Colonel C. F. Dow, proprietor of the Hotel Norval.

**P**HILIP WALTHER, one of Lima's representative business citizens, identified with a number of her largest enterprises, and engaged in the manufacture of wood-fiber wall-plaster, established the first plant of its kind in this section. Mr. Walther was born in 1860 at



McKeesport, Pennsylvania, and is a son of George J. Walther.

In 1864 the parents of Mr. Walther removed to Monroe township, Allen County, Ohio, where they resided for 18 months and then located at Lima, the father conducting a hotel here for a number of years. He died in 1892.

Philip Walther was educated in the public schools of Lima and subsequently took a business course in a commercial institution, after which he was employed in a furniture factory. After three years' there, he accepted an office position with a large local firm, and then assisted his father in the hotel business until 1887, when he entered the government service as a letter carrier. This position he resigned in 1889 to become a deputy under Auditor Cyrus D. Crites, and in 1893 he was elected to the auditorship itself. He entered upon the duties of the office in September, 1894, was reelected in 1896, and completed his public service in 1900. From early manhood he has taken an active interest in politics and on many occasions has been selected for public offices, his acceptance of these honors often being impossible, however, on account of the press of private interests. He is at present a member of the Board of Review of Lima.

In 1884 Mr. Walther was married to Mary Thoring, who is a daughter of the late Henry Thoring, and they have three children, viz: Charles F., Bessie and Pauline. The family belong to the German Reformed Church of Lima.

In addition to the successful business connections previously mentioned, Mr. Walther is a director of The Crystal Ice & Coal Company, Feltz Brothers & Company and Citizens' Loan & Building Company. He holds fraternal relationship with the Odd Fellows, Elks, Knights of Pythias and Lodge No. 267, Improved Order of Red Men (German).

His long experience, both in business and in public life, has brought him into contact with a large percentage of his fellow-citizens, who hold him in esteem, both for his business integrity and genial personality. His present business enterprise was started in 1900 and

promises to become one of the most important in this locality, the new chemical compound meeting a long-felt want of the trade.

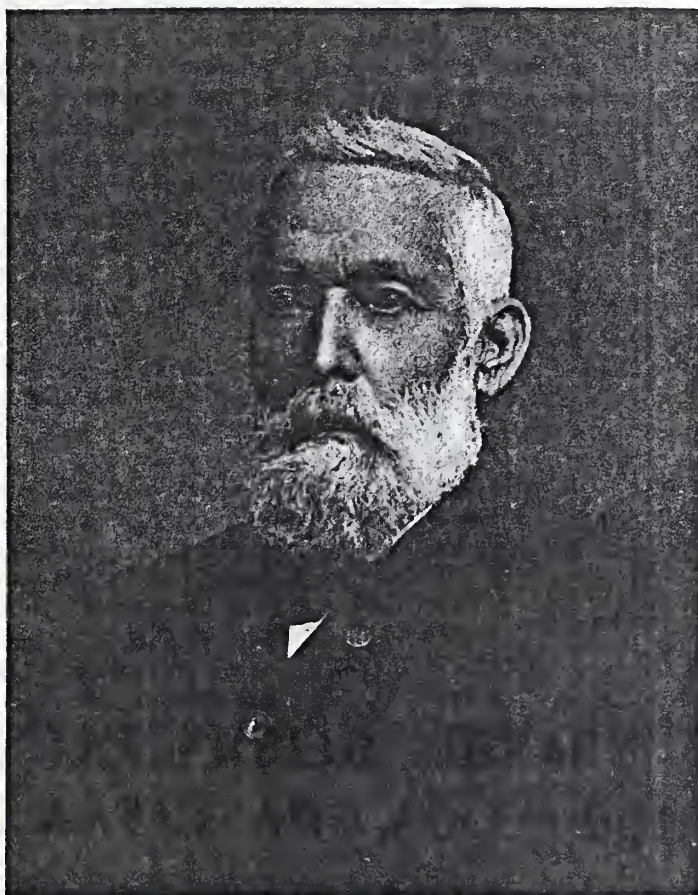


WILLIAM A. McBETH, a prosperous farmer of Shawnee township, was born July 20, 1861, in Placerville, California, to which place his parents had moved during the gold fever before their marriage. He is a son of James and Eliza (Gardner) McBeth, who were the parents of one other son, J. O., who resides in Lima. James McBeth was born in Scotland in 1827, and came to America when he was about 21 years of age. He was a carpenter on a steamboat which plied between Boston and the Carolinas until he went to California. He remained there until about three years after his marriage, when he returned as far East as Ohio, and soon after enlisted in the 55th Ohio Regiment in which he served until the close of the war. He belonged to the Pioneer Corps which went in advance of the main army to build bridges, etc., and was with Sherman in his advance on Atlanta. He married Eliza Gardner, who was a native of West Virginia, but was reared in the vicinity of Mansfield, Ohio. After coming to Allen County, James McBeth became a farmer and purchased a farm of 180 acres. This land had, at one time, been owned by the Indian chief Turkey Foot, who had sold it to one Edwards, from whom Mr. McBeth bought it. The house then on the property had been built by its Indian owner. Later Mr. McBeth purchased the 70 acres upon which our subject resides, and still later he bought the 97 acres known as McBeth Park. He was county commissioner for two terms. He died at the age of 68 years. His wife died in November, 1890.

James McBeth built the beautiful lake which ornaments McBeth Park, and conducted a private park and pleasure resort for about 10 years, when the ground was leased to the Western Ohio Railway Company. It is one of the most delightful spots in Allen County and is








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a favorite resort of those who wish to while away a few pleasant hours. The lake covers 10 acres of ground and is 14 feet deep in many places, furnishing fine rowing and fishing, as it is stocked with perch, bass, catfish and sunfish. William A. McBeth now owns the lake, having inherited it from his father.

The immediate subject of this sketch was a child of one year when his parents located on the farm about one mile from his present residence in section 3. Here he grew to manhood and received his education, later entering the Lima High School and from this institution going to the Ohio Normal University located at Ada. He followed farming and stock-raising, and lived at home until his marriage, after which he moved to a farm of 35 acres which was born November 18, 1858. They have been some oil found on his land and a few wells sunk, but not in any number.

Mr. McBeth was married February 3, 1886, to Aldulia Reed, daughter of Emanuel and Elizabeth (O'Hara) Reed, and a native of Shawnee township, where she was born November 18, 1858. They have five children, viz.: James, a violinist and cornetist of rare ability, who is devoting his time to music and lives at home; Harry Gardner, a student; Dwight C. and Hazel D. (twins) and Quay W. Mr. McBeth is a Democrat and has held a number of township offices. In religion he affiliates with the Methodist Episcopal Church, and fraternally he belongs to Lima Lodge, No. 205, F. & A. M.


 E. HARMAN, one of the leading business men of Lima, where he has been established since 1877, was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1857, and was about 10 years old when he moved with his parents to Ohio.

The boyhood and school days of our subject was spent at Lima, and until 1877 he made himself useful to his father in the latter's general merchandise store, which the elder Mr. Harman carried on for a number of years. In that year he became bookkeeper and general

manager for J. R. Hughes, who conducted a large business in the line of house furnishing goods. In 1886 Mr. Harman bought an interest in the business and the firm name became Hughes & Harman, which continued for three years, when Mr. Harman sold his interest and established his present line, in association with his brother-in-law, under the firm style of Harman & Bell.

In 1894 Mr. Harman purchased Mr. Bell's interest in the business and has since continued to conduct it individually. Its original main feature was crockery and house furnishings generally, and to this Mr. Harman has added a fine line of furniture and carpets, pushing his business into the front ranks and enlarging his quarters to accommodate its expansion. He is now using 40,000 square feet of floor space and transacts a business which reaches annually into many thousands of dollars. Mr. Harman is also a member of the directing board of The Ohio National Bank.

In 1883 Mr. Harman was married to Clara M. Bell, who is a daughter of William Bell, a pioneer of this section. They are members of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Harman belongs to the Masonic fraternity.

 W. DOBBINS, a citizen of Lima, who is held in general esteem, for a long period very active in the business affairs of this city and exceedingly prominent in Masonic circles in the State, was born at Poland, Mahoning County, Ohio, April 26, 1834, and is a son of Joseph Dobbins.

Mr. Dobbins comes of sturdy ancestry, a combination of Scotch and Welsh stock, with an added Irish strain. The family originated in Scotland, but during the days of religious persecution fled to the North of Ireland. From that section came the paternal grandfather of our subject, who settled in Maryland in 1797. His movements later were to Washington County, Pennsylvania, and thence to what is now Mahoning County, Ohio, where he settled with other early pioneers. The maternal





grandfather, Thomas Williams, came from Wales and settled in Maryland.

Mr. Dobbins had the common experiences of other farmer's sons in his locality, but in early manhood turned his special attention to carpentry. He also taught school for several terms and spent several years in Missouri, where he was employed as a surveyor of government lands. Shortly before the opening of the Civil War, he returned to Ohio and continued his former occupations until 1864, when he enlisted as a private in the 180th Regiment, Ohio Vol. Inf., in which he served until the end of the struggle. While this was the extent of his army service, he has been connected with military affairs previously, having served throughout the year 1862 as provost-marshal. He was a strong supporter of the Union cause and testified to his loyalty in a very practical way.

Since 1863 Mr. Dobbins has been a resident of Allen County, and of Lima, since 1880. For some years he was engaged in farming and bridge-building, but since locating in the city his main interests have been in the lumber trade. He is treasurer of Garrett Wykoff Lodge, No. 585, F. & A. M. He was secretary and treasurer of Woodlawn Cemetery for several years, and is at present one of the trustees. He sold the property which became the sites of both the Woodlawn and Gethsemane cemeteries, the latter being the Catholic burial-ground. Mr. Dobbins was one of the first members of the board of trustees of the Lima Water-Works. During his residence in Shawnee township he served for a number of years as justice of the peace. Endowed with excellent business capacity, he has accumulated a competency and has always thoughtfully considered the welfare of his family.

Mr. Dobbins was married in 1861, to Jane Fenn, and they had seven children born to them, viz: Mary Olive; Carrie, wife of George Sifert, of Lima; William F., manager of the Laurens Hull Lumber Company; Joseph; Grant, deceased; Arthur, with the Lima Telephone & Telegraph Company, and Emma and Cloyd, both deceased. Clarence Sifert, the eldest son of Mr. Dobbins' second daughter, was

one of the 14 telephone and telegraph operators on duty at the notable meeting of the Peace Commissioners of Russia and Japan, at Portsmouth. Another son of Mrs. Sifert is in the telegraphic department of the Buckeye Pipe Line Company, of Lima.

For the last 30 years Mr. Dobbins has held some official position in the Masonic fraternity at Lima. He is a 32d degree Mason; is a member of the Blue Lodge, Council, Chapter and Commandery, at Lima; is one of the older members of the Shrine at Dayton; belongs to the Consistory at Toledo, and has long been a member of the Shrine Club. He is also identified with Mart Armstrong Post, No. 202, G. A. R.

Mr. Dobbins and family belong to the Presbyterian Church, and William F. is one of the elders. Mr. Dobbins resides in a very pleasant home at No. 120 West Spring street. His portrait accompanies this sketch.

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**I**RA R. LONGSWORTH, a prominent attorney at Lima, and a manufacturer and oil producer, has been a resident of this city since 1878. He was born at Van Wert, Ohio, October 2, 1859, and is a son of Dr. William N. Longworth.

Dr. Longworth was a native of Maryland, born in 1818, and came West in 1850. He studied medicine with Dr. Leander Firestone, of Wooster, and obtained his professional degree from the Fort Wayne Medical College. He died in 1903, one of the old and honored members of the profession. He was also engaged in a manufacturing business, and was quite prominent in politics.

Ira R. Longworth was educated at Van Wert, and in 1876 was graduated from its High School. He was prepared by a tutor for the junior year at Wooster College, but in 1878 located at Lima and, finding a business opening as manager of his father's manufacturing plant, forever terminated his collegiate career. He continued to manage his father's establishment, which was engaged in the manufacture of handles for farming implements.



until 1882, and then purchased it and conducted the business at Lima until 1888, when he removed it to Anderson, Indiana. In 1898 he removed the plant to Somerset, Kentucky, and still continues its operation.

Although Mr. Longsworth deemed it expedient at the time to give up his collegiate course, it did not prevent his studying for the law, and he was admitted to the bar in 1889, and opened an office at Lima. In his first partnership the business name was Longsworth & Dotson, which was existent for one and a half years, and his last association was with Mr. Kephart, the firm of Longsworth & Kephart continuing for one year. With these exceptions Mr. Longsworth has practiced alone, and is favorably known in his profession throughout this section of the State.

Mr. Longsworth is also interested in the operating of oil wells, and is a producer in the Trenton rock fields of Ohio and Indiana. He is secretary of several successful companies.

Mr. Longsworth is a Republican in politics, and in 1890 was elected mayor of Lima, serving the city for two years.

In 1883 Mr. Longsworth was married to Esther Metheany, of Lima, who is a daughter of Charles A. Metheany, a business citizen of this place. They have three children, viz: Mary Esther, Walter I. and Helen Olivia. The family belong to the Baptist Church, Mr. Longsworth being one of the deacons in that body. The family are also prominent in the city's social life.

**D**AVID E. BAXTER, a sturdy, reliable citizen of Allen County, residing on his farm in section 31, German township, was born on the old homestead in Amanda township, on April 3, 1847, and has been a life-long resident of this county. He is a son of James and Melissa (John) Baxter. His venerable father, now in his 88th year, still resides in the house in which our subject was born, a little more than a mile North of Kempton. He has always carried on farming and can well appreciate the many improvements made in farm machinery since the

day of the mold-board plow, cradle, etc. He has done his share towards the development of Allen County, and is a man who is honored by all who know him. His father was Samuel Baxter, another old-time resident of the county, who first settled in Ross County, after coming to the United States with his parents from Scotland. Mrs. Melissa Baxter, who was born January 10, 1820, was the daughter of Griffith John, prominent in the early history of the county. Her sister, Mrs. Martha Crites, of Lima, is the only one of her brothers and sisters now living. Mrs. Baxter died April 8, 1890, leaving the memory of a noble life.

David Baxter was reared and educated in Amanda township where he engaged in farming until recent years, when he came to his present farm of 44 acres in German township. He was married March 25, 1866, to Mary Adaline Crites, daughter of Jacob Crites, of German township. A family of eight children blessed this union, three of whom are living. A brief record of their lives follows: Idora E., born in Amanda township, December 25, 1866, and deceased July 11, 1884; Jacob C., born February 29, 1868, a resident of Bath township; James Hix, born in Shawnee township, June 20, 1871, and deceased August 28, 1893; Nettie Bell, born April 10, 1873, who married Jacob Barnt, of Marion township, has two children—Grace and Mary E.—and resides in German township; Melissa Ella, born November 19, 1874, and deceased November 7, 1904; Eliza A., born June 24, 1876, who became the wife of Harry Osman, of Bath township (killed by lightning in 1903) and died May 1, 1905, leaving three children,—Helen D., Carl B., and Merle,—who are living with their grandfather Baxter; Mary J., born January 25, 1878, who married Charles Cantieny, of Lima; and Alta, the youngest, born January 13, 1880, who died October 5, 1887. Jacob C. Baxter, the second oldest of the children of David Baxter, has been twice married; first on January 30, 1893, to Nettie Baumgartner, daughter of Jacob Baumgartner, of German township; she died May 11, 1896, leaving a little daughter, Beatrice, who resides with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Baxter, and is now





in her 12th year. Jacob then married Amy Custard, daughter of John Custard. This marriage has been without issue.

David Baxter was superintendent of the Allen County Infirmary from 1893 to 1903. He was anxious to enter the army in the Civil War, but, in deference to his father's wishes, waited until he was 18 years old. Three days later, on April 6th, he enlisted in the 36th Ohio, being the last man enlisted from Allen County.

**F**ON. JAMES E. LOWERY, general agent of the Union Central Life Insurance Company at Lima, and president of the National Oil Company of this city, is a native of Richland County, Ohio, where he was born in 1847. He is a son of Williamson B. Lowery, who was a prominent farmer of Richland County, Ohio, and whose death occurred in 1850.

Mr. Lowery attended school at Mansfield, Ohio, until he was 16 years old, when he became a telegraph operator on the Pennsylvania Railroad. In 1866 he was appointed agent at Ada, Ohio, and remained there until December, 1871, when ill health necessitated his retirement. He then took up the work of the Union Central Life Insurance Company, and became their special agent in the home office at Cincinnati. Later he was appointed superintendent of agents, with headquarters at Cincinnati, where he remained until 1881, when he severed his connection with the company to assume the office of probate judge of Hardin County, to which he had been elected. He was re-elected to this office in 1884, serving in all six years. In January, 1888, he was elected clerk of the Ohio Senate and acted in that capacity two years, when he again became associated with the Union Central Life and was transferred to Washington, D. C., where he remained three years. At the expiration of that period, he was advanced to the general agency of that company at Lima, having the supervision of the work in Auglaize, Allen and Hancock counties, Ohio. He took charge of the offices here in 1894, but did not bring his fam-

ily to the city until some three years later. In 1902 he became a stockholder of the National Oil Company, being now its president and treasurer.

In 1868 Judge Lowery cast his first vote for Gen. U. S. Grant, and has always been allied with the Republican party. He was a member of the Republican State Central Committee from 1882 to 1892, its chairman in 1885-86, and the following three years served on the executive committee. He was identified with the Sherman wing of the party during the life of that statesman, and had the honor of being a close friend of Maj. William McKinley during the latter's congressional, senatorial and presidential careers, but never would accept office from Major McKinley, although the proffer was urgently made.

Judge Lowery was married, in 1868, to Linda Bushnell, a daughter of Thomas Bushnell, of Ashland County, Ohio. Their children are: Daisy, wife of Frank Horner, of the Piper Grocery Company, of Lima, and William B., who resides on a farm on the outskirts of Ada, Ohio. Judge Lowery took his first degree as a Mason in 1868, and in 1874 he was exalted to the rank of noble in Shawnee Commandery. He is also a prominent Elk.

**A**L. WHITE, president and general manager of The Lima Locomotive & Machine Company, is one of the most public-spirited and prominent citizens of Lima, although he has been a resident of the city but five years. He is a native of Knox County, Ohio, was born in 1861, and is a son of the late John W. White, who was for years connected with the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. He was educated in Knox County and then entered the shop of the C. & G. Cooper Company, manufacturers of "Corliss" engines. He remained with this firm 25 years, beginning at the age of 15 as an office-boy and steadily advancing as he grasped the details of the business until he was made superintendent of the great plant. He remained in charge of the works for eight years, resigning in 1900 to



accept the general management of the Lima Locomotive Works.

The Lima Locomotive & Machine Company was incorporated in 1893 with a capital stock of \$300,000, and made a specialty of manufacturing the "Shay" locomotive. More recently they have built a large number of direct locomotives and logging-cars, the extensive business giving employment to about 600 men. The company was reorganized in 1901 with the following officers: A. L. White, president and general manager; Ira P. Carnes, vice-president; and W. T. Agerter, secretary and treasurer. Mr. White is also a stockholder of the C. & G. Cooper Company.

Mr. White is president of the Lima Progressive Association and president of the Lima Young Men's Christian Association. He is always interested in any movement that pertains to the best interests of the city, and his influence is always on the right side of every question. Mr. White was a zealous politician in Knox County, but has not been active since coming to Lima. He is a prominent Mason, belonging to the Blue Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery at Lima, and Alladin Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Columbus. He enjoys social life and takes great pleasure in the Lima Club and the Shawnee Country Club, of both of which he is a member.

Mr. White was married June 26, 1900, to Lucy Spindler, daughter of J. C. Spindler, deceased, a mechanical engineer of Mount Vernon, Ohio. They have one child—Janet.

**H**ENRY MILLER is a prosperous farmer of Allen County, residing in section 7, Monroe township, where he owns a fine farm of 180 acres. He was born in Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany, April 29, 1841, and is one of six sons born to Michael and Katherine (Kunkelman) Miller. His parents came with their children to this country in 1849, landing in New York in August of that year and going at once to Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, where they

lived for about three years in the vicinity of McKeesport. Early in the spring of 1852 they started for Allen County, floating down the river to Cincinnati, thence up to their destination in a canoe, arriving here in April. They settled on the farm adjoining that on which our subject now resides and bent every energy to make a home for themselves and children. That Michael Miller was successful in his struggle to secure a competency is shown by the fact that he had acquired 200 acres of land at the time of his death. He was 73 years of age and his wife was 80 when the summons came to them. They had these children: John; Christian; Daniel, who died in infancy and was buried in the fatherland; Leonard, who was killed in a coal mine in Pennsylvania; Henry and Adam—all are deceased except the subject of this sketch.

Henry Miller was married on November 14, 1864, to Mary Sauer, a native of Prussia, who was born January 21, 1846, and when a child of nine years came to America with her parents, Francis and Katherine (Harmon) Sauer. To this union 14 children have been born, viz: Margaret M., wife of William L. Hofferbert, of Monroe township; John F., of Putnam County; Emma L., wife of P. J. Altstaetter, of Monroe township; Anna Katherine, wife of Jacob P. Miller, of Lima; Alice M., wife of Anthony Geib, of Lima; Sarah A., wife of Charles Irwin, of Putnam County; Caroline R., wife of James Irwin, of Putnam County; Bertha A., living at home; William H., who resides on his mother's farm; Harmon M., who has but recently been married; Louis P.; Clara Isabel, wife of Frank Slusser, of Sugar Creek township; Grace N.; and Arthur M.

Henry Miller left his parents' home when he was married and moved to a rented farm. He rented for a number of years before he purchased a small tract in section 7 and moved onto it about 35 years ago. He added to this land later and now owns 180 acres, which he devotes to general farming and stock-raising. In addition to this, his wife owns 60 acres in section 10, which is cultivated by their son, William H. Miller. They are members of the





Presbyterian Church. Mr. Miller is a Democrat and has held a number of offices, such as school director, road supervisor, etc., and has always been loyal to the trusts reposed in him.



**HARLES CHRISTIAN MILLER**, Ph. D., president of Lima College, at Lima, Ohio, ex-commissioner of the common schools of Ohio, and a distinguished institute instructor and lecturer, has been intimately associated with the educational interests of his native State almost from boyhood. He was born November 26, 1856, at Baltimore, Fairfield County, Ohio, and is a son of Enos S. Miller, a representative business citizen of that county.

Dr. Miller's early educational training was secured in the common schools, from which he entered Fairfield Union Academy, at Pleasantville, Ohio, where he was graduated in 1876. Prior to this, however, he had taught school, being but 16 years old when he obtained his first certificate. As he was mainly dependent upon his own resources, he again began to teach; in the first place, in order to procure the means with which he could secure collegiate advantages, and in the second, because his natural inclinations and evident talents lay in this direction. In the spring of 1877 he became a student at the Ohio State University, and in 1883 he was graduated from this institution with the coveted degree of A. B. During a portion of his university career, he was instructor in Latin and Greek. He enjoys the distinction of being the first graduate of the Ohio State University ever appointed a member of the board of trustees of that institution. On June 16, 1903, Ohio University, at Athens, Ohio, conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

Recognizing very early in his career the call of his nature in the direction of educational work, Dr. Miller bent every energy to advance himself along this line of endeavor, meeting with public recognition and substantial promotion, while still in early manhood. He continued to teach from 1874 until 1884, when not a

student himself, his schools being located at Rushville, Pleasantville and Eaton, Ohio. In the latter year he was appointed superintendent of the schools at Eaton, where he continued in this position until 1886, when he accepted a similar one at Ottawa, for a period of four years, going then to Sandusky, and in 1892 to Hamilton, each change being to his material benefit and professional advancement. In order to accept the responsible position of superintendent of the city schools at Hamilton, Dr. Miller was obliged to resign his office of State commissioner of common schools, to which he had been appointed in 1891 by Gov. James E. Campbell. In 1901 he was again called to public office, being appointed State school examiner.

In 1895 Dr. Miller came to Lima to assume the superintendency of the public schools of this city, and during his incumbency of 10 years he succeeded in advancing their educational standard to a point which could not help reflecting the greatest credit upon his intellectual abilities and executive qualities. To the regret of his fellow-citizens, Dr. Miller resigned his superintendency at the close of the school year in June, 1905, to accept the presidency of Lima College, which had been tendered him.

In addition to the above enumerated honorable and responsible positions efficiently filled by Dr. Miller, he has served as county school examiner in Preble, Putnam and Butler counties and as city school examiner of the cities of Sandusky, Hamilton and Lima.

For a number of years he has also been prominently identified with institute work, his field of labor extending over Ohio, Indiana and Pennsylvania. As an interesting and effective lecturer, Dr. Miller has few equals. His subjects embrace the different branches taught in the public schools, which are particularly appropriate for institute work, and points and periods in history and literature, which are presented and discussed in a happy style peculiar to himself. They show thorough research, wide knowledge, close observation and a critical faculty. The barest theme, taken up by Dr. Miller and clothed in his beautiful and





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appropriate language and presented with his oratorical ability, becomes a subject of ever recurring interest to his auditors. Crowded houses greet him when he fills a lecture appointment and the various journals of the towns and cities where he has spoken are invariably pronounced in their praise. Being the exponents of the attitude of their communities, this praise is genuine. His gifts as a lecturer are such as to cause his favorable comparison with other notables in the field.

Dr. Miller was married, in 1891, to Nellie C. Wilbur, who was born in New York. The domestic circle includes two sons and a daughter, installed in a beautiful home at Lima, where, when not absent professionally, Dr. Miller enjoys the resources of an extensive library and, on occasion, dispenses hospitality to a large social circle. He is a member of numerous educational organizations, both local and national, and belongs to the fraternal orders of Masons and Knights of Pythias. He is a man of striking personality, gifted both in mind and person. He possesses the courtesy that invites confidence, the geniality which attracts friends and the dignity which belongs to the eminent position in the educational world to which his own abilities have advanced him.

Dr. Miller is the editor of the historical department of this work. His portrait is shown on page 16.

—P. N. C.

**H**L. LEILICH, secretary and treasurer of the large industry of Delphos, known as the Delphos Can Company, is identified with many of the successful enterprises of this section, and is favorably known for his business enterprises throughout the State. Although an acknowledged factor in the city's largest business concerns, Mr. Leilich is still a young man, in the very prime of life. He was born July 9, 1865, in Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany, and is a son of Jacob and Catherine (Schowoebl) Leilich.

The parents of Mr. Leilich have never left Germany. After a successful mercantile career, the father now lives retired. He has reason to

feel gratified with the material prosperity of every one of his 10 children.

H. L. Leilich enjoyed excellent educational advantages and the comforts of a happy and well-appointed home, but his ambition led him to look toward America for a career. He had an aunt living at Delphos, Ohio, and, with the intention of joining her, he left home and arrived in New York City in July, 1881. After joining his relatives at Delphos, he secured employment of various kinds and in the meantime studied the English language, making such rapid progress that his teachers were surprised. In naming the various kinds of work this carefully nurtured youth assumed, in order to make his own way and prove to his father that he possessed independence of character, it may be stated that he worked on a railroad, in a woolen mill, on the bench in a shoe shop, and as clerk in the store attached, then as a blacksmith in the "Clover Leaf" railroad shops, again as a shoe clerk and then as a clothing salesman.

This brought him to 1893, in which year he purchased a half interest, with Felix Steinle, in the Delphos Brewing Company. The partner attended to the practical work, Mr. Leilich taking charge of the office and outside business. He erected what are now the buildings of the Delphos Hardware Company, remaining with that concern for a period of four years, during which time he not only reaped large financial benefits for himself, but, through his energy and executive ability, developed the business into one of the most prosperous in Northern Ohio. His spirit of enterprise also led him to become interested in the oil industry, and for six months he was actively engaged in opening up nearly all the wells in the vicinity. He then became manager for R. G. Gillespie of Pittsburg, in the latter's large oil business. He left this position in order to take charge of the Delphos Can Company. This great industry was then in its infancy, the business of the concern being transacted in two rooms on East Second street, which are now occupied by the Fort Wayne, Van Wert & Lima Traction Company for depot purposes. He succeeded F. C. Almy. In this connection he has been as successful as in previous enterprises.



The officers of the Delphos Can Company are: A. B. King, of Delphos, president; C. Bruce Hartman, traveling salesman for the Columbus (Ohio) Buggy Company, vice-president; and H. L. Leilich, secretary, treasurer and general manager. He prepared the sketch for Leech & Leech, architects of Lima, for the new brick building, which was completed in September, 1904, and it was under his personal direction that all the machinery has been installed and set in operation, he having previously purchased it, with the consent of the board of managers.

The large factory of the Delphos Can Company, is located on Pierce street, near the tracks of the P., Ft. W. & C. Railway, thus being supplied with excellent shipping facilities. It is three stories high, of brick and concrete construction, is fitted throughout with all modern conveniences and can accommodate a large force of men. The building is 120 feet deep, with a 60 foot frontage, together with a warehouse 30 by 70 feet, and well-arranged office 20 by 43 feet. The machinery, which consists of 18 standing power presses, 8 foot presses, and 4 double seaming machines, 3 to a set and 4 sets in use—are propelled by a 35-horse power engine of the most modern construction, with gasoline as fuel, which, when necessary, will be replaced by a larger one. The equipment include machinery for the making of every kind of can, including special dies and tools. The plant has a capacity of one car-load a day, besides local shipments. The output of cans for August, 1905, was 22,000.

A full automatic double seamer is now in use, by which one can is turned off while another is being prepared. It is a joint invention of Mr. Leilich, and is so simple in construction that a child can operate it. Mr. Leilich has withdrawn all individual rights to it. The company is preparing to add largely to its manufactured articles. The management now makes use of factory scraps, thereby utilizing all waste by converting this material into caps, fills, etc. They also manufacture wooden mallets, and have automatic turning lathes and various other articles of the greatest utility. The company prides itself on using only the

very best material and employs only skilled labor. Among the many products of the factory which have gained merited public approbation may be mentioned—the “Delphos” gem pan; the “Delphos” non-overflow can; the “Delphos” druggists’ dispenser; the never-leak spout and faucet cans; the “Delphos” non-overflowing factory dispenser; the long-handled dust pan; the “Delphos” oil can; the “Delphos” rotary corn popper, an improved device, with the handle so constructed that the hands can never be burned. The company has lately purchased another factory—that of the Toledo Tinware Manufacturing Company—and this addition will give them almost unlimited resources in their line of business.

Mr. Leilich has a most complete system of bookkeeping. He issues a statement to the company every six months, and the auditing committee has access to his books at all times. He is a large advertiser, and at present has over \$6,000 invested in the columns of various farming journals, mainly exploiting the company’s non-overflow pump can and other specialties. By advice of their attorney the company bought every patent overflow can patent, which has been issued since 1890. A great suit between the Delphos Can Company and the Standard Can Company (through Church & Church, Washington attorneys, and Owen & Owen and Seane & Johnson, of Toledo), in the United States Circuit Court for the Northern District of Ohio, was pending nearly two years, the public and the newspapers of that section being greatly interested in the outcome. The Delphos Can Company now has a patent under way in connection with their non-overflow any-length can, and is preparing to push its merits throughout the United States.

Mr. Leilich was married October 29, 1884, to Louise Warner, who is a daughter of the late Jacob Warner, formerly a well known contractor at Delphos. They have one son, Clarence, a partner in the drug store of King, Williams & Leilich and preparing for entrance at a college of pharmacy. The family belong to the Lutheran Church. Mr. Leilich is a member of the Elks. Since 1896 he has been serving on the board of directors of the Delphos National





Bank, and is vice-president, stockholder and director in the Delphos Building & Loan Association. He has been identified with every recent improvement of the city of Delphos, and a notable fact is that everything to which he has given his special attention has proved a success. His portrait accompanies this sketch.

**J**ACOB CLOYD RIDENOUR, one of Lima's leading attorneys, senior member of the law firm of Ridenour & Halfhill, was born in Lima, March 9, 1860, and is one of a family of five children born to his parents, Jacob and Dorcas (Dixon) Ridenour.

Mr. Ridenour is of Scotch and German descent. His ancestors came to this country at an early date and located in the States of Maryland and Pennsylvania. His great-grandfather was a soldier in the American Army during the War of 1812. His grandfather removed from Maryland to Ohio in 1820, and settled in Perry County—after 10 years' residence there locating in Allen County as one of its pioneer settlers.

Jacob Ridenour, the father of our subject, was born and reared in this county. His wife, Dorcas, was a daughter of Jacob Dixon, deceased, who in early life was a prominent farmer of Licking County, Ohio, and later a resident of Allen County. In 1862, when his son, Jacob Cloyd, was two years of age, Jacob Ridenour joined the Union Army as a private in the 118th Reg. Ohio Vol. Inf. He served in the East and took part in many of the hard fought battles waged by the Army of the Potomac under Hooker, Burnside, Meade and Grant. He died in camp at Washington, D. C., February 5, 1865.

Jacob Cloyd Ridenour was reared on a farm near Lima and obtained his preliminary education in the common schools of this county. He then entered the Ohio Normal University at Ada where he was graduated in the scientific department in 1882, and then became a student of law in the State University of Iowa, from which he graduated in June, 1885. On the

23rd of that month he was admitted to practice in both the State and Federal courts of Iowa. Soon afterward he returned to Ohio and accepted the principalship of the LaRue High School. On June 2, 1886, he was admitted to the Ohio bar, after successfully passing the examination before the State Supreme Court. He at once engaged in practice in his native city, soon showing that ability which has made his career one of unusual success. On June 21, 1886, he formed a partnership with Gideon Ditto, which continued until the latter's death in July, 1887. On September 1, 1887, Mr. Ridenour formed his present partnership with James W. Halfhill, which combination of legal talent has proved one of great strength. The offices of the firm are at No. 51 Public Square. In all the attributes necessary for legal success, Mr. Ridenour has been liberally endowed, and it is safe to say that no name in the various courts of Northwestern Ohio, is more favorably known than his. He is a member of the Allen County Bar Association and the Ohio State Bar Association.

Mr. Ridenour was married to Maggie Bowsher, a daughter of Anthony Bowsher, and they have three children. The family residence is located at No. 631 West Market street.

In political matters and public affairs Mr. Ridenour has taken a very active interest. He is a staunch Democrat and from January 1, 1894, to January 1, 1900, was prosecuting attorney of his county. In 1900 he was a delegate to the National Democratic Convention from the Fourth Congressional District of Ohio. Fraternally he belongs to the Knights of Pythias, Odd Fellows and Elks.

**R**T. GREGG, one of Lima's leading business men, is a member of the mercantile firm of R. T. Gregg & Company, and has been a resident of the city since 1901. He was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, December 4, 1861, and is a son of the late Thomas Gregg, a well-



known merchant who died in Fairfield County, in 1886.

R. T. Gregg was a small boy when his parents removed to Fairfield County, Ohio, where he was reared and educated. His business life has been devoted almost entirely to mercantile pursuits, being inaugurated as a clerk in a dry goods house at Baltimore, Fairfield County. In 1887 he engaged in a mercantile business at Tiffin, as a member of the firm of C. F. Hansberger & Company, which continued for 14 years as the leading establishment of its kind in that city. In 1901 Mr. Gregg located in Lima and established the firm of R. T. Gregg & Company, in the Black Block. He has sole charge of this concern, which is classed among the leading mercantile enterprises of the city. He enjoys an enviable reputation both for the excellence of his complete stock of merchandise, as well as for the business integrity on which his success is founded.

In 1886 Mr. Gregg was married to Emma Beery, who is a daughter of Louis Beery, one of the leading men of Fairfield County. Mr. and Mrs. Gregg have three children: Ray Beery, a student in the Lima High School; Margaret Kathryn, and Robert T., Jr.

Mr. Gregg is a member and liberal supporter of the Presbyterian Church at Lima, and is identified, fraternally, with the Knights of Pythias.

**A**DAM STEINER, who is engaged in carrying on agricultural operations on his farm in Richland township, in section 35, was born on this farm September 16, 1854, and has always lived in Richland township. He is a son of John S. and Katherine (Steiner) Steiner. The grandfather, John Steiner, was a native of Alsace, France, where John S. Steiner, the father of our subject, was born in 1816. Three years later the family removed to Switzerland, and in 1826 came to the United States. They took up their residence in Wayne County, Ohio, and for many years struggled with pioneer conditions.

At the age of 21 years John S. Steiner was married to Katherine Steiner, a second cousin,

and the young people at once located in Allen County, where they entered a tract of 160 acres, which has been the homestead since. Later Mr. Steiner bought 80 acres more and still later another 80, a great part of which was cleared and put under cultivation. Mrs. Steiner was born in Switzerland, which was also the birthplace of her parents, Ulrich and Barbara Steiner, and she was a child of three years when her parents came to America. The children of John S. Steiner and wife were as follows: Levi, deceased; Joseph, of Richland township; Emanuel, deceased; Aaron, deceased; Emma, deceased; Adam; Regina, of Richland township; Leah, of Hancock County; Magdalene, of Richland township; Barbara, deceased; Fannie, deceased; and one that died in infancy. John S. Steiner was a Democrat and a consistent member of the Mennonite Church. He died in the spring of 1900, having rounded out a useful and honorable life. His widow still resides on the home farm and is tenderly cherished by her children.

Adam Steiner has always resided on the old farm, assisted in clearing and improving it and now owns 80 acres in sections 30 and 35. He also cultivates 80 acres for his mother and sisters. Part of the land is pasture, as he raises large numbers of cattle; the remainder of his land is devoted to the raising of corn and wheat. He was married in March, 1877, to Anna Spollinger, a native of Richland township, Allen County, Ohio, and a daughter of Ulrich and Barbara (Geiger) Spollinger, who came to this country from Switzerland. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Steiner are as follows: Josephine, deceased; Albert; Lena; Edwin, deceased; Jesse; Fannie; Aldine; Bertha; Cyrus; Sarah; and Ella. None of the children have left the parental roof. Mr. Steiner is a Democrat.



**W**ALTER M. SCOTT, court stenographer of Allen and Shelby counties, has been a resident of Lima since February, 1892. Mr. Scott was born in 1874 in Van Wert County, Ohio, and is a son of W. P. Scott. The latter is tie and timber agent for the St.







Louis & San Francisco Railroad Company, and resides at Springfield, Missouri.

Walter M. Scott is a young man of remarkable ability in his profession. He completed the ordinary common and high school courses at Springfield, Missouri, and then learned telegraphy in the railroad office at Exeter, Missouri, becoming an operator for the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad. Subsequently he was made train dispatcher at Fort Smith, Arkansas, thus continuing until 1892 when he came to Lima and was operator for three months for the C., H. & D. Railway. Mr. Scott then entered the office of Court Stenographer Emerson Price, and remained as his assistant for 10 years, when he was appointed court stenographer for Van Wert, Auglaize and Mercer counties. This position he held for two years, efficiently performing its exacting duties. In May, 1903, his ability and faithfulness secured him the appointment as court stenographer for Allen and Shelby counties.

In November, 1897, Mr. Scott was married to Nellie A. Gates, who is a daughter of the late William W. Gates, formerly gauger for The Buckeye Pipe Line Company. Mr. and Mrs. Scott are members of the Presbyterian Church. Fraternally he is a Knight Templar and an Elk. Socially he is connected with the Lima Club and, in a business way, with the Lima Progressive Association.

**J**E. SULLIVAN, manager of the storehouse of The Buckeye Pipe Line Company at Lima, has been in the employ of this company since August, 1890, at which time he located here.

He was born in 1868 in Salamanca, Cattaraugus County, New York, where he was reared and where his father, Michael Sullivan, still lives and is engaged in railroading. Mr. Sullivan received his common-school education in Salamanca and then entered the Slocum Business College, of Buffalo, graduating from that institution about 1885. He at once began working as a stenographer and shortly after was appointed court stenographer of Cattaraugus County, a position he held for two years,

when he resigned to accept a more lucrative offer. Having accepted the position of private secretary for Daniel J. O'Day, who was in charge of The Buckeye Pipe Line Company at Lima, Mr. Sullivan continued in that capacity for 13 years. Having become thoroughly conversant with every detail of the business, he was well fitted for the place which was then tendered him as manager of the company's storehouse, in charge also of the timekeeping department and the fuel business.

Mr. Sullivan was married, in 1901, to Winona Reichelderfer, daughter of A. C. Reichelderfer, of the Lima Gas Light Company. They have one child, Marion Margaret. He is a member of St. Rose Catholic Church and the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association, and a charter member of Lima Council, Knights of Columbus, in which he has held various offices. Mr. Sullivan has identified himself with business interests in Lima, aside from those of which he is manager, and is one of the reputable, substantial men of the city. He is a member of the Shawnee Country Club, and an enthusiastic golf player who finds healthful, as well as pleasant recreation in the sport.



**W**S. KIMBALL, notary public and attorney-at-law at Delphos, was born in Delphos in 1877, and is a son of Edward E. and Ida (Breece) Kimball, and a lineal descendant of Stephen Kimball, from whom he takes his second name.

Stephen Kimball, the paternal grandfather, was born in Connecticut and there married Mary Read, who was a representative of that family which was so prominent in the early history of Reading, Pennsylvania, as to give the name to that great industrial city. The children of this union were: George, who was killed during the Civil War while serving under Admiral Farragut; Edward E., father of W. S.; Oliver, of LaFayette, Indiana; Mrs. Julia Harter, deceased; and Mrs. Charles Smith, of South Bend, Indiana.

James Alexander, one of the venerable residents of Delphos, is our subject's great-grand-



father on the maternal side. He was one of the first captains on the canal and propelled a boat of his own for a number of years.

Edward E. Kimball, father of W. S., was born at Portland, Indiana, April 17, 1857. He was reared to agricultural pursuits and carried on farming until he came to Delphos, Ohio. For the past 20 years he has been connected with the Adams Express Company, and also operates a dray line. He married Ida Breece, a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Alexander) Breece, whose father came to Delphos from Delaware, Ohio. Of the five sons born to the above marriage, the three survivors are: W. S., of this sketch; and Charles and Ora, both connected with the Delphos Can Company.

W. S. Kimball was educated in the Delphos schools, graduating therefrom in 1895. He then read law for two and a half years under Judge M. Brotherton, of Van Wert County and, after a term in the law department of the Ohio Normal University at Ada, was admitted to practice in 1901. Mr. Kimball has found a useful and lucrative field for professional work at Delphos. Politically a Democrat, he has served his party in many important positions, being for two years chairman of the Democratic Central Committee, of which he is still a member. He is also serving on the Delphos Board of Education. He is a member of the National Union Fraternal Insurance Company and has been financial secretary of that body.

In November, 1899, Mr. Kimball was married to Edna Holliday, a daughter of Kimmel Holliday, and to their union one son, Paul Holliday, was born September 24, 1900. Mr. Kimball and wife are members of the Presbyterian Church.

**F**RANK HOBERHOUR conducts a successful business in staple and fancy groceries in Lima, and is a man of sterling worth and upright character. Mr. Hoberhour was born in Bluffton, this county, in 1862, and is a son of Matthew Hoberhour, who was a shoemaker

by trade and later operated a grist-mill. He died in 1867, when our subject was a child of five years.

After leaving school in Bluffton, Frank Hoberhour became a carriage painter and worked at that business about 12 years before coming to Lima. Here he secured a position in the C., H. & D. Railway shops as coach painter and was so employed 12 years, leaving them only to engage in business for himself. Erecting a business block at No. 747 North West street, he fitted it with a complete stock of staple and fancy groceries and has established a substantial trade because of his honest, courteous obliging treatment of customers, and his executive ability.

Mr. Hoberhour was married, in 1883, to Rebecca A. Stevenson, daughter of the late H. K. Stevenson, who was a real estate dealer and insurance agent of Columbus Grove, Ohio. Of the children born to this union, three are living, namely: Edward B., a student in Lima College; Bessie Emeline and Francis. Mr. Hoberhour is a member of the I. O. O. F. and Royal Arcanum.

**L.** ACKERMAN, wholesale liquor dealer, is one of the influential merchants of Lima, of which city he has been a resident a little more than 10 years. He was born in 1866 in Mansfield, Richland County, Ohio, where he was educated and commenced his business career. For about four years he conducted a restaurant and cafe in Mansfield, then came to Lima and also opened a cafe, which he continued until November, 1903, when he engaged in the wholesale liquor trade. This enterprise has proved most remunerative; two salesmen are kept constantly on the road.

Mr. Ackerman is identified with several of the leading industries of Lima, being a director of the Allen County Oil Company, and of the Imperial Brewery, now in process of construction.

Mr. Ackerman was married, in 1895, to Kate Ziegler, daughter of Godfried Ziegler, of Wapakoneta. One child, Margaret Louise,







has been born to them. Mr. Ackerman is a member of the Odd Fellows, the Eagles, the Red Men and the United Commercial Travelers' Association, and has formed many warm friendships since locating in Lima.

**J**OHAN AMSTUTZ, one of the prominent citizens of Allen County, formerly County Commissioner, resides upon his well-improved farm of 80 acres, located in section 2, Richland township. He was born February 7, 1846, in Riley township, Putnam County, Ohio, and is a son of John and Elizabeth (Steiner) Amstutz.

In many ways the father of our subject was one of the most notable men that ever lived in Richland township. He was born November 22, 1811, in Alsace, France, during the days of Napoleon, and remained cultivating the patrimonial acres until he was 21 years of age. In every sense a self-made man, he was one who deserved the esteem and respect in which he was held until the close of his life and the admiration expressed for his acquirements which, in many ways, were equal to those of the fortunate ones who enjoyed collegiate advantages. Yet the only schooling John Amstutz ever had was a period of three months in a German school, three days in a French one and two lessons in English. For years he both spoke and wrote all three languages correctly and easily.

In 1833 John Amstutz crossed the Atlantic Ocean, filled with the hope that in a new land he would find opportunities for both mental and material advancement. The old sailing vessel landed him at the port of New Orleans during a yellow fever epidemic and he was one of those who survived its ravages. He remained one year in New Orleans before he commanded enough capital to take him up the Mississippi and Ohio rivers to Cincinnati, where he worked by the day at wagon-making until 1835. He then came to Allen County and bought 10 acres of land and on this little tract he built the first wagon shop erected in Northwestern Ohio. It is said that he made the first

school globe ever constructed in the State. He continued work at his trade until he retired from active life, at the age of 63 years, and his death occurred at the home of our subject at the age of 80 years and 11 months.

This really remarkable man so appreciated learning that it was always his great desire to advance the educational opportunities of the community. He accumulated the largest private library then in the county and not only absorbed the contents of his books, was conversant with the best literature of the day and was one of the locality's best informed men, but he was generous in his assistance to others. He helped in the organization of Richland township and was the first school director, the township having but one district at that time. His character was so unimpeachable that his fellow-citizens would gladly have elected him to every office. He served as township treasurer for 20 years and for 27 years was justice of the peace. Politically he was a staunch Democrat. His faculties were remarkably preserved and it is related by his son that his 80th birthday he celebrated by writing, without glasses, which he never used, the whole of the Lord's Prayer on a bit of paper which a silver dime could cover.

In 1836 John Amstutz was united in marriage, in Allen County, with Elizabeth Steiner, who was born March 17, 1815, in Alsace, France, near his own birthplace. She died on the present farm of our subject at the age of 53 years. Her parents were Rev. Christian and Elizabeth (Sutter) Steiner. Her father was born in Canton Bern, Switzerland, and went from there to Alsace, France, and in 1835 came to Allen County, by way of the city of New York. He was the first Mennonite preacher in this section and in 1836 organized the present Mennonite Church, which is the largest church of that religious body in this vicinity. According to the manner of filling the ministry, he was allotted to this church and, although he also engaged in farming, he was one of the most active pioneer ministers of his time.

John and Elizabeth (Steiner) Amstutz had 12 children born to them, our subject being the




fifth member of this family, the record being as follows: Barbara; Mary Annie; Katherine, residing with our subject; Elizabeth, a resident of Richland township; John; Emma; Jacob, of Oregon; Alexander; Louis; Christina (2) and Alexander (2). But four members of the family still survive.

John Amstutz, our immediate subject, and his father's namesake, has always resided in Richland township. When he was 13 years of age, he entered his father's wagon shop and was thoroughly taught the business, remaining there until he was 23 years old. He then rented a farm and settled down to an agricultural life, continuing as a renter for 10 years, when he bought 80 acres of land in section 2, Richland township. There has been 30 acres of this cleared but the only building on it was a log cabin. Now the farm is noted for its fine appearance, all of it being cleared with the exception of two acres of timberland. Mr. Amstutz has always engaged in general farming. For three years he conducted a large quarry business at Bluffton, in partnership with his son Wilhelm A. Amstutz, under the name of Amstutz & Son, which gave employment to from 20 to 30 men. In July, 1905, our subject sold out to his son and partners and a stock company was formed with five members, the business being continued.

Mr. Amstutz was married February 28, 1871, to Sarah Klinger, who was born in Monroe township, Allen County, Ohio, August 25, 1851, and is a daughter of John Adam and Margaret Eve (Hoffer) Klinger, who were born in Hessen, Germany. They came from their native land to Allen County, Ohio, in 1850. Mr. and Mrs. Amstutz have had five children: Lona; Paulina; Philip, who died aged two and a half years; Wilhelm Albert; and Malinda, who is a member of the class of 1906 in the Bluffton High School. Wilhelm Albert Amstutz, the only son, is one of the most highly esteemed young men of the township, one who combines business ability with the admirable personal characteristics which go far toward the making of an honorable and useful citizen. He is of an earnest, thoughtful disposition and has always shown a helpful

interest in the affairs of the Reformed Church. For two years he has been superintendent of the Sunday-school, the youngest who has ever held this responsible position in this church. He has made many friends over the State and through the county, as he has frequently been sent as a delegate from the Bluffton church. He is a graduate of the Bluffton High School.

All his life John Amstutz has been closely identified with the Democratic party and has frequently been elected to important offices. He served seven years as township supervisor, seven years as township trustee, 14 years on the School Board, seven years as county commissioner, and in every case performed his duties with signal fidelity. He belongs to the Reformed Church, of Bluffton, of which he is a charter member and for one year was trustee. He holds fraternal relationship with the Masonic lodge at Bluffton, the Odd Fellows at Bluffton and the Elks at Lima.

EORGE W. KNITTLE. Among the well known farmers of German township, none is more deserving of mention than George W. Knittle, whose farm of 80 acres is located in section 17. He has lived all his life in Allen County. He was born in Sugar Creek township, March 3, 1856, and is a son of Jacob and Eliza (Hamilton) Knittle, and a grandson of William and Rebecca (Tester) Knittle. William Knittle came with his wife from Fairfield County, Ohio, to Allen County at a very early day, and here entered 40 acres of land from the government.

George W. Knittle was reared on his father's farm and has always been an agriculturalist, the greater part of his life having been passed in German township. On October 21, 1875, he was married to Ida Belle Tester, daughter of Frederick and Sarah Jane (Umpstead) Tester, residents of German township. Mrs. Knittle was born February 20, 1860, and has had four children, only two of whom are now living. The record is as follows: William B., born April 16, 1876, who married







Alice Snow, of Elida and is employed in the oil field; Charles Frederick, born May 5, 1879, deceased in infancy; Orla Guy, born April 22, 1889, now a student in the schools of Elida; and Beulah May, born January 19, 1897, who died at the age of seven days. When Mr. Knittle was married he brought his bride to their present home where they have lived continuously except for a period of six years, three of which were spent in Lima and the remainder in Elida. Mr. Knittle is a member of the lodge and encampment, I. O. O. F. at Lima.

**V**ICTOR CARDOSI, wholesale fruit dealer, located at No. 127 West Market street, Lima, is one of the city's enterprising and successful business men. He was born at Barga, Italy, in 1862, and came to America in 1884.

Mr. Cardosi's commercial success has been most remarkable. He was engaged in a retail fruit business at Wellston, Jackson County, Ohio, whence he removed to Lima in 1886, continuing exclusively in the retail line until 1891, when he became a wholesaler. Formerly all the banana trade was carried on by jobbers, but Mr. Cardosi now handles it within a radius of 25 miles. He is an extensive dealer in all domestic and tropical fruits, his stock comprising the very best and choicest to be found in the world's market.

In addition to really controlling the fruit trade in this section, Mr. Cardosi has invested largely in real estate. He owns five residence properties in Lima, and is proprietor of the fine Hetrick Block, built of pressed brick, one of the most substantial and ornate business structures in the city. It is situated on Market street, within half a block of the Public Square, has a frontage of 51 feet and a depth of 86 feet, and is four stories in height. Mr. Cardosi is a stockholder in the home telephone company, and is interested in other enterprises. Since coming to Lima he has made the city's interests his own; is a member of the Lima Board of Trade and a man who commands the

respect and confidence of his business associates.

Mr. Cardosi was married in 1889 to Susie Vitoi, who was also born in Italy. They have four children, viz: Mary, Edward, Hazel and Alvina.

**I**SAAC SNIVELY MOTTER was born in 1852 at Williamsport, Maryland. He received his early education in the public and private schools of his native county, and later entered Roanoke College, Virginia, where he remained five years, graduating in 1872 from that distinguished institution of learning. Mr. Motter began the study of the law quite early in life. After most careful research in the various branches of learning leading up to the study of the law, he began active study with Col. George Schley, at Hagerstown, Maryland. He was admitted to practice at the bar in the State of Maryland in 1877.

In 1881 Mr. Motter came to Lima, his future home. Under the State laws of Ohio, he was required to be reexamined to enter upon the practice of the law. Accordingly he appeared before the Supreme Court in 1881, and upon examination was admitted to practice in Ohio. On October 20th of the same year, he formed a law partnership with Hon. W. L. Mackenzie, under the firm name of Motter & Mackenzie. The firm has long been regarded one of the strongest law firms in Lima, and its practice is both wide in range and lucrative.

In 1887 Mr. Motter was elected prosecuting attorney of the county of Allen and entered upon the duties of that important office in January, 1888, filling the position successfully in every way for six consecutive years. In 1894 he was chairman of the Democratic County executive committee in which capacity he conducted one of the most important campaigns of the county, bringing to Lima as speakers no less distinguished men than Senator Calvin S. Brice and Ex-Governor David B. Hill, of New York. Mr. Motter has always been more or less active in Democratic politics. He has always taken a deep interest in affairs of the



State and nation, and is one of the best posted men in the country upon State and national affairs.

In 1886 Mr. Motter was most happily united in marriage to Harriet Amelia Meily. They have one child, Benjamin Snively, born in 1893, who is a bright, prepossessing boy interested in his studies, with a great future before him.

Mr. Motter is an active member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Free and Accepted Masons, choosing Garrett Wykoff Lodge as his Masonic home. He is an active member of the Lutheran Church, and has been for many years superintendent of the Sunday-school of that church organization. The confidence which the public has in Mr. Motter is further shown by the fact that he was selected as president of the Lima Library Association, which position he fills with signal ability.

Mr. Motter is widely read in many departments of literature; he is a refined and cultured orator, frequently called upon for addresses upon moral and scholastic topics. As an advocate he is one of the strongest in the country, making a personal appeal that goes direct to the hearts of the jurors and the judge. He is recognized as one of Allen County's staunchest citizens—always found battling for the right.

**R**EV. I. J. MILLER, a retired pastor of the Lutheran Church and a member of the grocery firm of Miller & Company, at Lima, is one of the well-known and much valued citizens of the county. He was born in 1850 in Mahoning County, Ohio, and is a son of George Miller, who was a successful agriculturist of that county.

Mr. Miller was educated at Union Seminary, Poland, Ohio, and at Wittenberg being graduated in theology in 1876. During his period of study he taught school some six seasons prior to entering Wittenberg Theological Seminary. After ordination he served the church at Berlin Center for 12 years, and then

removed to Wayne County, Ohio, where he had charge of two churches for a period of six years. In April, 1894, he came to Lima and assumed charge of the First Evangelical Lutheran Church, where he continued for eight years. During his active service in the ministry, covering 25 years, he made very few changes.

In 1871 Mr. Miller was married to Louise Spait, who is a daughter of Jacob Spait, a prominent farmer of Mahoning County. The two children of this marriage are: C. E., our subject's partner in business, and Cora A., who is the wife of James W. Halfhill, a prominent attorney of this county. Since Mr. Miller's son, Clark E., has been in business at Lima, his father has taken a half interest. They conduct a very successful grocery business at Nos. 407-411 West Spring street.



**D. HEFFNER**, one of Lima's most respected citizens, who has been connected with the railroad affairs for over a quarter of a century in this locality is also a veteran of the Civil War in which he bore himself with a bravery that brought honorable promotion. Mr. Heffner was born in Miami County, Ohio, in 1846, and is a son of David and Catherine (Measel) Heffner.

The father of Mr. Heffner was a native of Maryland and was born and reared at Frederick City. By trade he was a farmer and millwright. He moved to Miami County, Ohio, and from there to Auglaize County, where his death subsequently occurred. He married Catherine Measel and they had a family of four sons and five daughters; of these, two sons and three daughters still survive. Of the four sons who entered the Union service, Joseph, who is now deceased, lost a leg at the battle of Chickamauga; Charles died after the close of the war; and George and W. D. are residents of Lima.

W. D. Heffner was five years old when his parents moved to Auglaize County, and it was from his father's farm that our subject, then







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but a youth of 15 years, entered the service of his country. It was in November, 1861, that he enlisted in Company E, 67th Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf., was mustered in at Columbus and proceeded with the command to Martinsburg, Virginia, and in the spring of 1862, but a few months after leaving the peaceful surroundings of his home, that he participated in his first battle, that of Winchester. On March 23, 1862, he fought against General "Stone-wall" Jackson, his regiment facing the 26th Mississippi Tigers, Jackson's favorite command. Then followed the weary marches and various hardships of a soldier's life, and before he had attained man's estate he had faced danger and death on a score of battle-fields. During his service, which extended until the close of the war, he participated in these battles: Front Royal, Fort Republic, Harrison Landing, Bermuda Hundred, Folly Island, Morris Island, charge on Fort Wagner, siege of Fort Sumter, Johnson's Island, Wire Bottom Church, the long siege of Petersburg, Chapin's Farm (where he was wounded), the battle before Richmond, Bunker Hill, New Market, Strausburg, charge on Fort Gregg, and was present at the final surrender of General Lee at Appomattox. Entering the army as a private, Mr. Heffner was mustered out of the service as a sergeant.

After the close of the war, Mr. Heffner returned to his home in Auglaize County, and in 1870 came to Lima and entered into the employ of the C., H. & D. Railway Company. He served one year as brakeman, was then promoted for efficiency, and for 28 years continued on the road in the capacity of freight and passenger conductor. He sent in his resignation in 1895, but did not sever his connection with this corporation, as since that year he has been foreman of its freight house at Lima. He is also interested in city real estate.

In 1869 Mr. Heffner was married to Sarah Spyker, who was a daughter of Samuel Spyker, a pioneer of this county. Mrs. Heffner died in 1872, leaving a daughter, Hattie, who is the wife of George Darling, a business man at New Castle, Ohio. In 1875 Mr. Heffner was married to Urania F. Bowers, a daughter

of Jacob Bowers, and they have three children, viz: Mettie, wife of E. M. Stradley, and Ethel, wife of J. R. Meiley, both of Lima; and Ray, living at home. The family is connected with the First Baptist Church. Mr. Heffner is quartermaster of the Mart Armstrong Post, No. 202, G. A. R., Lima, Ohio, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

**F**REDERICK O. OLSON. Americans are very proud of their prominent and successful business men, but they are equally generous in awarding praise to natives of other lands whose ability enables them to reach the front rank in any line of endeavor. It is the man who counts, instead of the land of his birth. These few remarks are given as an introduction to the sketch of F. O. Olson, one of the leading railroad men of Ohio. He has been a resident of Lima since 1903, but he was born in Sweden, in 1869, and is a son of the late John Olson.

John Olson was for many years a right-hand man to President Hill of the Great Northern Railroad, whom he assisted by his practical advice and was most useful to him because of his long experience in railroad building in Sweden. His death occurred in 1903.

F. O. Olson was reared and educated in Sweden until he was 15 years old, and immediately after coming to the United States secured a position in the auditor's office of the Great Northern Railroad Company at St. Paul, Minnesota. After two years of office work, he entered the mechanical department, and during the following four years worked as a machinist in the locomotive works. The next three years were spent in Chicago, with the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha Railroad—one year as a working machinist and two years as foreman. Then he accepted a position in the emergency department of the Great Northern road, and 18 months later went to Duluth, where he took a contract for railroad building. From there he came to Ohio and constructed the greater portion of the Toledo & Western Railroad, still later becoming one of the active








promoters of the Sandusky & South-Western Railroad and the Lima & Eastern Railroad. His knowledge of railroading covers every detail and, in addition, he is a practical electrician, having spent six months with the Westinghouse Company. His present railroad connections are important, and, considering that he is yet a comparatively young man, indicate the possession of a very high order of ability. He is president and general manager of the Sandusky & South-Western Railroad—a line projected from Wapakoneta to Sandusky and from Lima to Bellefontaine, 40 miles of which is already graded; vice-president of the Lima Eastern Railroad, a line to run from Lima to Kenton, *via* Marion; president of the Missouri, Oklahoma & Western Railroad, and a controlling director in the Guthrie & Oklahoma Railroad.

In 1896 Mr. Olson was married to Edith Sturdeven, of West Virginia. They have three daughters: Melba, Emily and Gene. Fraternally Mr. Olson is a member of the Elks. He takes no active personal interest in politics, but is always ready to assist the political ambitions of his friends. A portrait of Mr. Olson accompanies this sketch.

RANCIS Y. DAVIS, who has a fine home and 80 acres of land in the southeast quarter of section 8, Perry township, has been a resident of this township during almost the entire period of his active business career. Mr. Davis was born in Orange County, Vermont, October 29, 1827, and is a son of Francis and Lydia (York) Davis.

The Davis family is of Scotch-Welsh origin, and the ancestral line can be traced to the birth of Sir Francis Davis, in 1590. His home was in Cardiganshire, Wales. Three of his sons, Gideon, Philip and Francis (2) crossed the ocean in search of fame and fortune, but of these only Philip and Francis (2) safely reached Halifax, Nova Scotia, Gideon having been lost at sea during the voyage. Francis Davis (2) has passed his 21st birthday at this time and with his other possessions brought a

cane, which his father had presented him when he had reached his majority. This cane is still in the possession of the family, being owned by a Francis Davis, the subject of this biography. The wood of this ivory-headed cane was cut in the Grampian Hills of Scotland by the grandfather of Sir Francis Davis, in 1550. It has survived generations of its owners and typifies the solidity of the Scotch hills on which it grew, affording support to youth, feebleness and age for more than 300 years. Francis Davis (2), son of Sir Francis, remained with his brother in Halifax for about one year. There in 1749 Philip married Mary Wells; he subsequently settled in Virginia.

The above Francis Davis (2) was born in 1626 and died in 1709. He married Gertrude Emerson, of Halifax, Nova Scotia, who was born in 1629 in England and died in 1715. They settled at West Amesbury, Massachusetts, in 1652, bringing the old cane with them.

Francis Davis (3), son of Francis (2), was born in 1653 in Massachusetts and died there in 1737. In 1673 he married Mary Taylor, a daughter of Walter Taylor, of Amesbury; she was born in 1657 and died in 1733. The old cane came into the hands of this Francis and was in turn given to the next Francis.

Francis Davis (4), son of Francis (3), was born September 29, 1687, and died October 9, 1753, at Amesbury, leaving the old cane to his son, Captain Francis Davis. His wife, to whom he was married at Haverhill, Massachusetts, September 6, 1716, was born September 6, 1693 and died December 3, 1775.

Capt. Francis Davis, the fifth of the name, was born October 26, 1723 and died November 26, 1784. He was married September 3, 1745, to Elizabeth Ferran, who was born September 20, 1724, and died December 20, 1793. It was Capt. Francis Davis, who took the old cane from Amesbury to Davisville, Warren County, Vermont, a town he founded in May, 1766. In 1740 he had built a mill there which was destroyed by fire in 1746, and he built a second one. He was a Revolutionary soldier and a man of influence and wealth, and was the first representative to the General Assembly from Warren County.

Francis Davis (6), son of Capt. Francis



Davis, was born at Amesbury, Massachusetts, May 27, 1758, and died at Barre, Vermont, October 30, 1840. He married Philena Thurber, who was born at Portsmouth, New Hampshire, August 26, 1758, and died at Barre, Vermont, December 21, 1841. These ancestors were the grandparents of the subject of this sketch. The family resided at Warren until the fall of 1794, when they removed to Barnard, Vermont, taking with them the old cane. There it remained until the grandfather's death, when it came into possession of Francis Davis (7), father of its present owner, who is in the eighth generation from Sir Francis Davis.

Francis Davis (7) was born March 7, 1788, at Warren, New Hampshire, and was six years old when he accompanied his parents to Barnard, Vermont, where he was given as good educational advantages as the times afforded. He worked at the carding and fulling business for some years. When the War of 1812 became imminent, he enlisted in a cavalry company which was ordered by the Governor to proceed from Montpelier to Plattsburgh, New York. After three days, the company reached that place and took part in the closing engagements of the battle there. He was discharged at the end of the war. After the passage of many years, he received 160 acres of land in recognition of his military services. After his marriage he lived in Orange and in Washington counties, Vermont, and owned and operated a sawmill and also dealt in tombstones. He was an expert worker in stone and samples of his work took first premium when exhibited at Montpelier.

In the autumn of 1834, with his wife and four children, the oldest being nine years and the youngest, five months, he started Westward to find a new home. The wagon was filled with bedding and articles of wearing apparel. After a pleasant driving journey of six weeks, a pause was made at the town of Keene, Coschocton County, Ohio. Here Mr. Davis found a few settlers from New England and, tired of traveling, decided to stop at least over the winter. In the spring, on March 21, 1835, he purchased 100 acres of land for which he

paid \$200. Three acres had been cleared, a small orchard had been set out and a log cabin built. Later he cleared about 40 acres of this land and entered into farming and stock-raising, also cutting and selling many tombstones from a quarry situated on the property. He built the first sawmill ever erected here, which was run by the waters of the Buckloo, a small stream which meandered through his farm.

In 1842 Mr. Davis leased the farm and moved to the town of Keene where he engaged in the tombstone and monument business but soon tired of village life and returned to the farm. In 1843 he purchased another 100-acre tract, but in 1846 he sold out and again made preparations to move westward. On April 6, 1846, with his wife, two sons and the youngest daughter, a grandson and a young neighbor who was starting West with some household goods, Mr. Davis started his prairie schooner, drawn by oxen, in the direction of the setting sun. The horses which 12 years previously had assisted to move the family from Vermont to Ohio, were again made use of, being hitched to a farm cart and a flock of sheep and a herd of cattle were also taken along. On the eighth night of the journey the family camped in a vacated cabin which they found near the center of a seven by 20 mile forest, which then stood in its native state in Hardin County, Ohio. Here the hoots of the owls and the howls of the wolves made the night hideous. On the ninth day of the journey the family reached a point four miles east of Lima, in Perry township, Allen County, Ohio. Here Mr. Davis decided to locate, buying an 80-acre farm on which he lived and carried on farming and stock-raising. In 1863 he sold his farm and in 1864 moved to Defiance County, Ohio, where he purchased a farm of 120 acres on which he continued farming and stock-raising operations, assisted by his adopted grandson, Lucius, who lived with him until his death, which took place March 31, 1875. In politics he was a Whig and later a Republican. In his dealings with his fellow-men, he was honest and upright and his religion consisted more in good works than in profession. In 1850 he and his wife made an ex-







tended visit to relatives in Vermont and upon his return he brought with him the old family cane.

On October 21, 1813, in Randolph, Orange County, Vermont, he married Lydia York, a daughter of Gershom York, and they had 11 children. Mrs. Davis died March 1, 1863. In the course of time he married Mrs. Elizabeth Gilbert, a widow, who also preceded him to the grave. Of the 11 children, those who reached maturity were: Roxanna P., deceased, who was the wife of Ira Fox; Francis Y.; George E.; and Fannie, deceased, who was the wife of John Bond.

Francis Y. Davis, our immediate subject, was 19 years old when he accompanied his father to Perry township, and he assisted in the clearing of the home farm. In 1852 he bought 40 acres in section 3, which is now known as the William Robert's farm, which he cleared and converted from timberland to fields of unusual fertility and productiveness. In 1863 he settled upon 80 acres in section 16 on which he lived and made extensive improvements until 1882, when he located upon a quarter-section in section 19, a part of which still remains in the family. He reclaimed a part of this farm from the forest and converted it into a productive farm and made his home there until 1894, when he purchased 40 acres of his present farm in section 8, to which he subsequently added 40 more acres. Mr. Davis here erected a fine residence and has made other substantial improvements until now it is an example of one of the best rural homes in Perry township. In addition to being fertile, his farms have have been noted for the presence of oil; he had had a number of producing oil-wells and the three located on his present farm have brought him handsome returns.

Mr. Davis has a military record which should give him a very pardonable measure of pride. When the Civil War broke out and he recognized the fact that he was needed at the front, he put aside his previous ambitions and enlisted in the service of his country. His first enlistment was in September, 1861, in Company D, 54th Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf. He was discharged in August, 1862, on account

of disability, having been injured by the exploding of a shell at the battle of Pittsburg Landing. On September 22, 1864, Mr. Davis reenlisted, becoming a member of Company A, 180th Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf., and continued in the service until the close of the war, his last battle being at Kingston, North Carolina. He was honorably discharged in July, 1865, and returned to his home in Perry township.

During a part of his time in early manhood he engaged in teaching school and he worked also at brick-making, but since he was 30 years of age he has devoted his attention exclusively to agricultural pursuits, with some attention given to the production of oil, as mentioned above, having had an interest in some 20 wells. Mr. Davis owns 120 acres of fine land in Allen County.

On May 5, 1852, Mr. Davis was married to Sarah Coats, a daughter of Rufus and Nancy (Dawson) Coats. She died April 1, 1893, leaving the following children: Lydia R. M., born July 26, 1854, who married Jefferson Shade, of Perry township; Ira E., born January 31, 1856; Albert E., born November 30, 1857; William F., born January 19, 1867, who lives in Franklin County, Kansas; Clara B., born July 25, 1868, who married John Howbert, of Allen County; Charles L., born November 25, 1869; Harmon C., born October 15, 1871 and Daniel E., born May 28, 1873, who died July 23, 1898. One child died in infancy. Mr. Davis remained single until November 20, 1897, when he married Mrs. Rhoda J. (McPheron) Howbert.

In politics Mr. Davis is a Republican and he is a valued member of Mart Armstrong Post, No. 202, G. A. R., of Lima. He is widely known in Allen County and is held in the highest esteem. Mr. Davis grew up at a time and in a section where educational advantages were meager but he has always been a great reader and has mixed with intelligent people and thus has acquired a broad and comprehensive knowledge of the affairs of the world. He is possessed of a truly remarkable memory and without effort recalls the day, month and year of many happenings of earlier days. During the period of 60 years covering his residence



in Perry township, he has been foremost in its business affairs and has contributed his full share in the developing of this section into one of the most prosperous, progressive and best improved communities in the State.

**U**LYSSES REICHENBACH, a prominent agriculturist of Allen County, is a native of Canton Neuchatel, Switzerland, where he was born on August 15, 1845. When he came to this country he was a poor man and his present property represents years of patient toil. In addition to the 146-acre homestead in section 34, Richland township, Mr. Reichenbach owns 80 acres in Putnam County. His parents were John and Margaret (Guntner) Reichenbach, who came to America in 1873 and made their home here for the rest of their lives.

Ulysses Reichenbach was one of 10 children, seven boys and three girls. At the age of 19 he left the parental roof to try his fortune in a new country, landing in New York in 1866. He first stopped in Wayne County, Ohio, where he worked on a farm by the month for one year, and then came to Allen County and for four years worked by the month in Richland township. By dint of saving every penny, he managed to get sufficient together to buy 80 acres of woodland in Putnam County. Renting a farm there he cultivated it for a year. He cleared off the timber on the 80-acre tract and erected a dwelling. Later he bought 106 acres in Allen County which, with the 40 acres received from his father-in-law, comprise his present homestead. He has two good dwellings on this farm, one of which is occupied by his son-in-law.

Mr. Reichenbach was married in November 30, 1869 to Fannie Basinger, who was born September 14, 1841, on the farm where she now lives, her parents being Seymour and Barbara (Steiner) Basinger. Eight children have blessed their union, namely: John, Leah, Henry, Lydia, Maggie, Emma, Lena, and Amos. John, who resides on the 80-acre farm in Putnam County, married Barbara Leichy and has three children—Lillie, William and

Titlam. Leah resides at home with her parents. Henry, who is engaged in farming in Richland township, married Emma Batchelor and has one child, Mildred. Lydia died at the age of nine years. Maggie married William Steiner and has two children, Mabel and Odula. They live in Putnam County. Emma, who was the wife of Fred Beiderman, left at death one child, Sylvia, who lives with her grandparents. Lena married Samuel Augsbarger and had one child, Hazel, who died in infancy. They live on Mr. Reichenbach's farm in Richland township. Amos married Mary Welty, a daughter of Christ Welty, a farmer of Putnam County. They have one child, Stella, and reside on the home farm. Mr. Reichenbach has always supported the Democratic ticket. In religion he is a conscientious and consistent member of the Mennonite Church.



**H. DUDEN**, a contractor and builder at Lima, whose excellent work and honest methods of doing business have brought him prominently before the public, has been a resident of this city since 1890. He was born on the line between Fairfield and Miami counties, Ohio, in 1852.

The father of our subject was John A. Duden, who was a soldier in the War of 1812. He learned and followed the trade of a locksmith, as long as it proved profitable, and then turned his attention to cigar manufacturing. In 1858 he moved to Clinton County, Ohio, and in the fall of 1861 to Allen County.

W. H. Duden was eight years old when the family settled in this county. He attended school until he was 15 years old and then learned the trade of a shoemaker. He was thus employed at Cridersville, Auglaize County, for some 12 years, after which he mastered the carpenter's trade, having always had a natural bent in that direction. This line of work he has since followed continuously, and for the past 26 years has been engaged in a general contracting business, during 15 years of which period he has been located at Lima. His work here is shown in some of the finest and most





substantial structures of the city—among others, the St. Rose parsonage, the Holland Block, and the residences of W. L. Parmenter, M. Cohn, J. C. Kidenour, D. C. Dunn, James Cory and Dr. Van Note.

In 1873 Mr. Duden was united in marriage with Mrs. Mary A. Church of Cridersville, and they have three children, viz: Elmer, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, located at Wallhalla, North Dakota; James Harvey, a painter by trade; and Ray, who is associated with his father. Mr. and Mrs. Duden are members of the United Brethren Church. In politics Mr. Duden is a Republican. Socially he is a member of the A. O. U. W.

**N**EWTON SAGER, M. D. Among the eminent physicians and surgeons of Allen County, the Sagers have been distinguished for two generations and the subject of this record bears the name of a father who was the pioneer physician of Jackson township, and, indeed, one of the earliest practitioners of medicine in Allen County. Dr. Newton Sager, of LaFayette, was born in this village, in a home on the site of his present residence, on December 18, 1846, being the eldest son of Dr. Newton and Bethiah (Gilbert) Sager.

The Sager family probably originated in England and later established a home in Virginia, where the grandparents of Dr. Sager, Henry and Lovina (Haines) Sager, were born and whence they removed to Union County, Ohio, at a very early date. Of their eight children, Dr. Newton Sager, Sr., was born in Union County, Ohio, October 31, 1817, and died at LaFayette, Allen County, on August 13, 1903, having been one of the most highly esteemed men of his day in this section of the State, both in private and professional life. He enjoyed better educational advantages than were afforded many of his associates, for after he had completed the common-school course at the age of 19 years, he was entered at Oxford University, later pursued a medical course in Pleasant Valley, Madison County, Ohio, and in 1843 was graduated in

medicine at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia.

The young physician settled in Jackson township, Allen County, Ohio, although it might be thought so sparsely settled a district as it was then would have little need for his services. In fact for some years his professional visits covered a very wide territory. The settlement of the county meant a greater tax on his time and strength and for years he knew no rest from professional labor. He was one of the earliest settlers at LaFayette and established the first drug-store in the village which he continued for many years. On account of the prevailing malaria, which is the cause of much of the sickness in any newly settled community, the necessity for quinine was very great and it was difficult to obtain it in sufficient quantities, on short notice, in the days when journeys were made on horseback and by ox-team. It was in order to be able to supply the drugs he found it necessary to prescribe that Dr. Sager established his own drug-store.

Not only did Dr. Sager occupy a prominent place in his locality as a man of science, but he was also a dominating influence in all public affairs, a leader in educational movements and, had not his professional duties prevented, would have probably become his party's representative in many of the higher offices in its gift. He was a lifelong Democrat and on several occasions served as township treasurer, but the duties of his profession precluded but little more than a good citizen's attention to public affairs. He found time, however, to lend his influence and give support by word and purse to various public-spirited enterprises, one of the most important of these being the building of the direct railroad line from Upper Sandusky to Lima. Although a member of no religious denomination, he was a liberal supporter of all, possessing the broadened mind and trained understanding which enabled him to see the good in every creed. Dr. Sager was charitable, in his daily life, for years, practicing that Christian charity which perhaps, men of his profession understand best of all. His memory is perpetuated in Allen County in the hearts of





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those who knew him best and those who benefited so often by his professional skill.

The late Dr. Sager was twice married. Prior to coming to Jackson township, he was united to Hannah Custard, a daughter of Daniel Custard, who became a merchant in Lima. She died in 1840, leaving one daughter, Araminta, who married a Harrison Tingle and moved to the Pacific Coast, where she died. The second marriage of Dr. Sager was to Bethiah Gilbert, who was born in Vermont, September 2, 1820, and is a daughter of Josiah Gilbert, who came to Allen County in 1840. She still survives, an honored member of our subject's family. The children of this marriage were: Newton, the subject of this sketch; Norval, who died unmarried, in 1883; Annetta, who is the wife of Wesley Biterman, of LaFayette; Norton, who lives on a farm in Jackson township; Lavinia, who is the wife of Doddridge Kinzie, of LaFayette; Mary Belle, who is the wife of George B. Muir, living one mile north of LaFayette; and Nellie, Arthur, Ina and Norman, who died in youth.

In closing the record relating to the late Dr. Sager, mention must be made of his many years of active interest in the Masonic fraternity. Soon after the organization of the Masonic lodge at Lima, he became a member of that body and continued his interest in the order as long as he lived. He was a charter member of Sager Lodge, No. 513, F. & A. M., at LaFayette, which was named in his honor.


Newton Sager, our immediate subject, was reared at LaFayette and became a student in the village school when a child of six years. He continued to study in the LaFayette schools until he was about 20 years old, when he entered Baldwin University, at Berea, near Cleveland, Ohio, where he remained one year. He then read medicine with his father for a period of four years and went from this excellent instruction to the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor. After several terms there, he entered the medical department of the University of Worcester, at Cleveland, where he was graduated and received a diploma in February, 1871.

After graduation Dr. Sager returned to LaFayette and entered into practice with his

father, at first relieving the older physician, who was beginning to feel the weight of years, of his heavier duties and gradually taking over the larger burden of the practice, continuing the partnership until the close of the father's life. Dr. Sager is a regular general practitioner and, by his fellow-citizens, has been deemed worthy to take his father's place. His methods are those of the younger school of practitioners and his reputation is that of an eminent man in his profession.

In April, 1871, Dr. Sager was united in marriage with Sarah M. Hughes, of Knox County, Ohio, who is a daughter of Hiram and Emily (Lane) Hughes, who came to Ohio from Connecticut. They have two daughters—Grace and Georgiana. The former married John E. Myers, of LaFayette, and has one daughter, Evadne. The latter married Albertson Watt, of LaFayette, and has two children—Namona and Rodney. The family has always been a leading one of this section and is prominent socially.

Like his late father, Dr. Sager is identified with the Democratic party and for years has been more or less a leader of its movements in this locality. He has served three terms as township treasurer. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity and is a member of Sager Lodge, No. 513, F. & A. M., which was named for his father who was instrumental in having it established at LaFayette.

 ARL W. E. BOEGEL, proprietor of the Star Carpet Cleaning Works, at No. 430 North Pierce street, Lima, has been a resident of this city for the past 14 years. He was born in Hesse-Nassau, Germany, November 16, 1866, and came to America in 1890.

Mr. Boegel was educated in his native land, and there learned the tanning business, at which he worked in Athens, Ohio. From Athens he came to Lima, in April, 1892, and for three years was in the employ of Schultheis Brothers, tanners. In order to perfect himself in American business methods, he then took a course in the Lima Business College. Shortly afterward





he established the Star Carpet Cleaning Works. In this establishment all the cleansing is done by compressed air it being the first of its kind in this section, if not in the State. The use of compressed air has completely revolutionized the industry, and Mr. Boegel's enterprise has met with most satisfying results the new method being acknowledged as both labor-saving and sanitary. Mr. Boegel has also both oil and real estate interests and is one of the city's substantial men.

On September 7, 1893, Mr. Boegel was married to Barbara Stelzer who was born in Rhein-Hessen Germany and was 11 years old when her parents brought her to America. They located at Spencerville, Ohio, where she was reared. Mr. and Mrs. Boegel have two children—Katharina Christina and Elizabeth Ruth. The family belong to the German Reformed Church, in which Mr. Boegel has been Sunday-school superintendent for over four years. His fraternal associations are with the Knights of Pythias and the Masons, being a Knight Templar. With his wife he belongs to the Order of the Eastern Star. Mr. Boegel is a man whose honorable business methods and straight-forward, exemplary life have brought him the respect and confidence of his fellow-citizens. His portrait accompanies this sketch.

**E. WOOD**, one of the leading contractors and builders at Lima, of which city he has been a resident for the past 13 years, was born in the Shenandoah Valley, Virginia, in 1872, and is a son of John Wood.

The father of Mr. Wood still survives and is engaged in farming. During the Civil War he was a soldier in the Army of Virginia and for 18 months was a prisoner of war at Fort Delaware.

F. E. Wood was reared and educated in Virginia and after completing the common-school course pursued a special course in civil engineering, under the well-known instructor, Professor Taylor, following that profession in his native State for three years. In 1892 Mr. Wood came to Lima and turned his attention

to general contracting and building, meeting with very satisfactory success. He has erected many of the substantial buildings of the city, among which may be mentioned the Stamets Block, the Blattenberg flats, the Campbell Block, and the Golly & Finley Iron Works. He is thoroughly conversant with his business and has won the entire confidence of the building world.

Mr. Wood was married, in 1899, to Susie Schell, who is a daughter of Jacob Schell, of Upper Sandusky. Mr. and Mrs. Wood have three children—Serelda, Thelma and Corola. Fraternally Mr. Wood is an Odd Fellow.



**ALTER S. MILLS**, chief of police at Lima, is one of the city's reliable, valued and respected citizens. He was born in 1869 in Amanda township, Allen County, Ohio, and is a son of Squire and Maria Jane (Sutton) Mills.

Rev. Nathan Mills, the grandfather of Mr. Mills, was born in 1764, and became a well-known teacher and Quaker preacher. Prior to 1824 he moved to Noble County, Ohio, and in that year the father of our subject was born. In 1835 with the first settlers Squire Mills came to Allen County and has seen it converted from a wilderness into a fertile farming country. He cleared the land on which the Metropolitan Block in Lima now stands, as well as the tract from that point north to the Pennsylvania Railroad. He still owns the 80-acre tract of land which he received from Congress and preserves as an interesting relic the old parchment deed. Mr. Mills, who is 81 years of age, now resides in Amanda township, being its oldest voter, and next to the oldest resident. He has always lived at peace with his neighbors, and takes pleasure in the fact that he never was entangled in a single law suit. In his day those things were not honorable. Since the days of Andred Jackson Mr. Mills has been deeply interested in politics. Formerly a strong Whig, later he became an equally staunch Republican.

Mr. Mills married Maria Jane Sutton, a





daughter of Thomas Sutton, who was a pioneer along the Anglaize river and they reared a family of five children, namely: Loretta, who is the wife of G. W. Morgoet, of Lima; Thomas, who for some years has been a resident of Muncie, Indiana; Susan E., who is the wife of Rev. J. H. Winans, a prominent Baptist clergyman now located at Bellefontaine, Ohio; Annie V., who is the wife of J. M. Reeves, of this county, formerly identified with a Chicago cream separator company, also dealers in creamery supplies; and Walter S., of Lima.

Walter S. Mills was reared and educated in the schools of the county and in the Ohio Normal University at Ada. He began his business career by learning telegraphy in the office of the Pennsylvania Railroad, and for a year prior to entering the university followed that occupation, passing a like period in Indian Territory as a cattle herder and coal miner.

After his experience as a telegrapher Mr. Mills entered the employ of the Standard Oil Company and remained with that corporation for four years, being at different times foreman of a pipe gang and in charge of the still in an oil refinery. He was also employed by the LaFayette Car Company for one year, in the car repairing department, and during that period was in the shops at Pullman, Illinois. For some four years he was with the freight department of the L. E. & W. Railroad. In 1900 he came to Lima, and for 14 months served as patrolman on the city police force, and was then appointed chief of the department.

Mr. Mills married Lethia A. John, daughter of Jesse J. John, one of the representative citizens of Elida and a pioneer of the county. They have four children, viz: Anna J., Carlton J., Helen J., and Elizabeth Avenella. Mr. and Mrs. Mills are members of Grace Methodist Episcopal Church at Lima.

Politically Mr. Mills is a Republican and two years ago was nominated for the position of sheriff of Allen County, but he declined to make the canvass. He is a member of Garrett Wycoff Lodge, No. 585, F. & A. M.; and of the Odd Fellows, Eagles, Maccabees and Pathfinders.

**R**EV. DOMINIC ZINSMAYER, pastor of the Catholic Church of St. John the Baptist, at Landeck, was born at Constance, Grand Duchy of Baden, Germany, July 29, 1844.

From the college at Constance, Father Zinsmayer went to the schools of Freiburg, where he completed his literary and theological training. In 1869 he was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Rappe, of the diocese of Cleveland, Ohio. This prelate was at that time on his journey to Rome to attend a council at the Vatican. A few weeks after his ordination, Father Zinsmayer came to America, reaching New York in February, 1870. He was domiciled for a short period at Brooklyn, New York, and was then given charge of the Defiance missions under the auspices of the Cleveland, Ohio, diocese. After 15 months of exhausting labor in that charge, he became the first resident Catholic priest at Bucyrus, Ohio, where he continued for six years.

Father Zinsmayer established schools at that point, erected a church edifice and built a new parochial residence. From Bucyrus he was transferred to the Shelby settlement of Richland County, where he labored for seven years, during which time he succeeded in paying off the church debt and in placing the church on a sound financial basis. He also secured for the church there a fine pipe organ which cost \$1,700. His next charge was at Sheffield, Lorain County, Ohio, where he remained 11 years, and there, as at other points, he proved himself not only a man of great spiritual power but also one of executive ability. When he left that church, it had almost been transformed by improvement and he is affectionately remembered by a large congregation. Since September 15, 1894, Father Zinsmayer has been pastor of the Church of St. John the Baptist at Landeck.

The church to which Father Zinsmayer came in 1894 was organized in 1866. The father of the movement was Peter Gengler, one of the zealous churchmen of his day, the father of Dominick N. Genzler, justice of the peace at Landeck. He soon interested others and a frame building was erected under the charge of Rev. F. Westerholt, who came here





at stated seasons from Delphos, being pastor of the Church of St. John, the Evangelist of that city and the successor of Rev. John Otto Bredeick, who was the founder of the Catholic Church at Delphos. At that time Landeck had about 40 Catholic residents. Father Seltzer became the regular pastor, and he was succeeded by Father Brem and he by Rev. J. B. Heiland. The latter officiated for some years and was followed by a priest who remained but a few months, and then Father Zinsmayer took charge.

When Father Zinsmayer came to this charge, he realized that the first need was a new church. He had saved \$7,000 and this he contributed and by a general subscription a sufficient sum was realized to enable the parish to build the present handsome edifice, which has but \$7,000 indebtedness upon it, the sum of \$33,000 having been paid. No descriptive words can give an adequate idea of the beauty and structural dignity of this building. It is constructed of brick with stone trimmings, in 13th century Gothic style. The steeple is 150 feet high. The interior of the Church is architecturally beautiful and is adorned with rare works of art of a Scriptural design; the whole place is heated by steam and a fine pipe organ has been placed. A new brick schoolhouse has also been built to accommodate 52 pupils, this being but one of the four schools the parish supports. In 1877 the parochial residence was built.

The present church edifice was dedicated July 31, 1904, by Bishop Hartsman of Cleveland, the corner-stone having been laid in 1902. It has been conceded that this church in its almost priceless interior furnishings, including pictures and statuary by masters in art, has no equal outside the large cities. The windows in particular, gifts from different members of the congregation, are most beautiful, one of these having been dedicated by Father Zinsmayer, representing Saint Dominic receiving the Rosary from the Blessed Virgin Mary. Another window represents the Holy Family.

The congregation includes 115 families at present and the new church has a seating capacity for 750 individuals. Father Zins-

mayer has opened all the usual avenues for religious and material progression, including an altar society of 100 members and a sodality of 40 members, and gives encouragement to the Catholic Knights of Ohio and the Ladies of Ohio, which have about 35 members.



F. MATTHEWS, a well-known architect of Lima, whose fine professional work may be seen on many of the city's busy streets and attractive avenues, is a native of Ohio, having been born in Perry County.

From childhood until he was 14 years of age Mr. Matthews lived upon his father's farm in Athens County, and then went to Nelsonville, where he completed his high school course and resided until he was 30 years old. After leaving school he learned the carpenter's trade and was employed for a prolonged period in a planing mill and in various building operations, thus becoming interested in mechanical drawing and designing and discovering that he possessed considerable talent in this direction. In 1891 he determined to give serious attention to these professional lines and went to Columbus, where he engaged as draughtsman and superintendent with John Flynn, a well-known architect of that city. He remained with that gentleman for three years, and during that period of study assisted in making designs for a number of important structures of that city, including six fire department buildings and St. Mary's Academy.

When prepared to enter the field as a competent architect, he formed a partnership with H. C. Jones, an association which continued in force for one year. From 1895 until 1898, Mr. Matthews pursued his professional work alone at Columbus, where he had many commissions, both in the city and in the surrounding towns. In 1899 he opened an office in the Cincinnati Block in Lima, and for the past six years has given his best efforts to the people of this city. He employs two draughtsmen, and he is kept busy designing and superintending the construction of buildings. In a long





list of substantial business and public buildings and elegant, tasteful homes credited to Mr. Matthews, may be mentioned the following: City Market House; the grand stand at the Lima Driving Park; the pavilion at McCullough Lake; the Adgate Building; Dr. Johnson's fine residence apartments and the handsome homes of W. S. East, A. L. White, Dr. W. B. Van Note, W. T. Agerter, E. M. Gooding, R. T. Gregg, O. W. Bell and George Mehahey.

Mr. Matthews was married in 1886 to Lizzie Powell, of Nelsonville, Ohio, and they have three sons, H. Orville, Lewis Powell and Burl Burnham.

Mr. Matthews is a member of the Knights of Pythias at Nelsonville, and is the designer and superintendent of the \$20,000 building now being erected by the order at that place.

**C**OURTLAND CARL, one of the prominent merchants of Lima, who has been established here for the past eight years, was born in Clermont County, Ohio, in May, 1860, and is a son of Thomas Carl, formerly of Cincinnati.

Our subject was reared and educated in his native locality, and began his business life as a clerk in a grocery store at Scott's Crossing, this county. After four years of training, he removed to Cincinnati. There he was connected with the street car system for six years, then embarked in a gasoline and oil business, and for two years controlled a dressed poultry business. In August, 1897, he came to this locality, was engaged in a meat business for some 14 months in South Lima, and then exchanged his stand there for his present grocery and meat business, favorably located on the corner of Central avenue and North street, Lima. In addition to all the standard and fancy groceries and meats, Mr. Carl transacts a large business in country produce. He is vice-president and a director of the wholesale fruit house of The Lusk Brothers Company.

In 1882 Mr. Carl was married to Hattie

Scott, who is a daughter of W. B. Scott, of Scott's Crossing, her family being among the pioneers of that section of the county. Mr. and Mrs. Carl have two sons, viz: Clifton, who is in the employ of The Lima Gas Light Company, and Scott, who is still in school. Mr. Carl is an Odd Fellow.

**D**AVID EZEKIEL HOVER, a well-known resident of Shawnee township, where he carries on general farming and stockraising on his estate situated in sections 14 and 15, was born November 22, 1837, in an old Indian cabin in Shawnee township, and is a son of Manuel Hover.

Ezekiel Hover, the grandfather of our subject, with his brothers, Emanuel and Joseph, who at an early date had removed from Pennsylvania to Trumbull County, Ohio, settled in Allen County in May, 1833. All married members of the Adgate family. The children of Ezekiel and Sarah (Adgate) Hover were: Emanuel, born May 18, 1808; Maria Belinda, born December 15, 1809, who married Abraham Boyd; Sarah Ann, born February 9, 1818, who married Amos Alvord; Caroline, born March 28, 1814, who died young; St. Clair, born September 13, 1815; Charles Adgate, born May 13, 1818; Newton, born December 18, 1820; Columbia Ann, born October 7, 1827, who married George Lathrop; and William Ulysses, born March 18, 1830.

In 1836 Emanuel Hover returned to Trumbull County, and after marrying Margaret Carlisle in that year, located in Amanda township, Allen County. He lived at Fort Amanda, in 1837, and then settled in Shawnee township, residing in the log cabin which his father had occupied before him. After Emanuel Hover's death in 1840, his widow returned to Trumbull County, and in 1849 was married to Jonathan Howard. She celebrated her 89th birthday on December 18, 1905, and still retains her faculties, encumbered by few physical ailments. The parents of our subject had two children—David Ezekiel and Sarah





Ann. The latter was born in August, 1839. She taught school at Lima in 1861 and 1862, married John Hanson and died in 1881.

In 1840, at the death of his father, David E. Hover went to live with his grandfather, residing with the latter and an uncle until 1860. On December 18th of this year he married Susan Boyd, who was born in Mahoning County, Ohio, and died in 1886. She was a daughter of John Boyd, who moved from Mahoning to this county. The five children of the above marriage were: Charles Adgate, born November 22, 1861, who resides on a farm adjoining his father; Frank M., born October 13, 1863, who died October 8, 1865; a third child, who died in infancy; Margaret Anna, born March 3, 1868, who resides at home; and Howard B., born March 3, 1868, who is a druggist at Lima.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. David E. Hover commenced housekeeping in the old Shawnee Council House, but two years later came to the present farm in sections 14 and 15. The land was partly cleared, but Mr. Hover has made all the improvements. He has given much attention to the growing of sheep, and shortly after the Civil War, in 1870, sold wool at 90 cents a pound. He is one of the township's reliable citizens, and at various times, has been appointed to a number of honorable positions. Since 1895 he has been a trustee of the Children's Home. He is secretary and clerk, as well as trustee, of the Shawnee Cemetery. Politically he is a Republican, and cast his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln.



WILLIAM F. MOHLER, a prominent farmer residing in section 24, Shawnee township, was born in Pennsylvania, November 12, 1841.

His father, Henry Mohler, came to Ohio from Pennsylvania and later moved to Indiana, where he died. William F. Mohler has been engaged in farming for many years with very successful results.

Mr. Mohler married Mrs. Mary (Spyker) Sharp and is the father of two sons, Clarence

and John Roscoe. Clarence married Clara Bradford and had five children, all of whom are deceased. He is employed in the oil field and resides at Wapakoneta. John Roscoe married Goldie Swyart and lives at home.

Mrs. Mohler was born in 1840 on the Spyker homestead in section 25, Shawnee township, and is a daughter of Samuel and a sister of Joel Spyker, sketches of whom appear in this volume. Mary Spyker grew to womanhood was married to Charles D. Meffley, a native of Allen County, where his father, Peter Meffley, had located after leaving Pennsylvania. The young couple made their home at Elida for a time, later moving to Cridersville where Mr. Meffley conducted a dry goods and hardware store. He was thus engaged when he died, about 1865, leaving his young widow, before she had reached her 25th year, with two small children. The elder child, Shelby Ellsworth Meffley, was born in Cridersville, Auglaize County, Ohio, January 12, 1862, and is today the leading merchant of that place, where he carries a large stock of staple and fancy groceries and has an extensive patronage among the best citizens of the community. He was married February 21, 1893, to Etta Tidd Spyker, a most estimable lady, who was left an orphan in early childhood and adopted by John Spyker. To this union five children were born, namely: Charles Theodore, Edgar Allen; Mary Elizabeth; Shelby E., Jr.; and Catherine Gertrude. The younger son, George W. Meffley, was an infant of seven weeks when his father died. He now resides at Ottawa, where he conducts a dry goods store. He married Mary Ann DeFord of Ottawa and they have six children living: Samuel Fletcher DeFord, Gladys, George W., Robert, Harold and De Graces.

Mrs. Meffley was married to Dr. Hiram Miller, a native of New York, who was practicing medicine at Cridersville. They had three children, William W., deceased; Margaret M., deceased; and Charles, who married Nellie Bitsler, and lives on a farm adjoining that of his mother. After the death of Dr. Miller, his widow married Daniel Sharp, a native of Columbus, Ohio, and a man of considerable prop-





erty. They had two children Frederick Henry, who married Dula Reichelderfer and resides at Criddersville; and Eva Gertrude, who married Charles Berry. Mrs. Mohler is a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, whose faith has strengthened her in her hours of adversity.

**D**AWSON & McLAUGHLIN, the beauty of any city is almost entirely dependent upon the good taste of the architects who build the city. After the great fire of London, in 1666, the authorities, wishing to beautify and perfect the new city, engaged Sir Christopher Wren, the architect of St. Paul's, to superintend the rebuilding of the great city. Had this plan been fully carried out, London would be a far more beautiful city today than it is.

The architecture of the city of Lima until in very recent years has not had much to commend it. The dwellings have, in part, lacked that which constitute beauty to the eye.

Among the men who have studied architecture under the really great masters is Charles Wilmott Dawson, born at Plainfield, New York, December 10, 1867, who came to Lima about six years ago. Mr. Dawson entered Haverford College, where he studied for two years, preparing for his future professional work. He then matriculated at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, graduating from that noted institution in 1888. Not content with his course of study thus pursued, he spent a full year in careful study under the great Henry Van Brunt, at one time president of the American Institute of Architects. Mr. Dawson has had 18 years of successful professional work in various parts of America. He has traveled widely, and has gained a thorough knowledge of his profession. In Lima he has constructed the most prominent commercial buildings found in the city today; these buildings are largely to his credit. Among them is the extensive manufacturing plant of The Deisel-Wemmer Company, the wholesale warehouse of The Moore Brothers

Company, the Central Building and the Renz Block. Mr. Dawson has also constructed a large number of the most beautiful residences to be found in Lima, including those of J. D. S. Neely, F. T. Cuthbert, Henry G. Wemmer, W. J. Wemmer, W. K. Boone and G. E. Bluem. Mr. Dawson has long been noted for the thoroughness with which he does his work.

He is unswervingly honest, painstaking and accurate. At the beginning of the present year, 1906, Mr. Dawson associated with him in the business, Thomas D. McLaughlin, a young man of great promise, who was born at Oil City, New York, August 4, 1882. Mr. McLaughlin obtained his first collegiate training at Lima College, Lima, Ohio, where he did most excellent work. He then spent three years at Hamilton College, New York, in careful preparation for professional work. Mr. McLaughlin then became a pupil of the architectural department of Columbia University, New York City, where he studied architecture for three years. He has had experience in the various practical lines of architecture, at one time being superintendent of construction for The Buckeye Pipe Line Company.

The confidence which the people repose in this firm is further shown by the fact that they have been unanimously selected by the trustees of the Lima Library Association to construct the new \$50,000 Carnegie Library. Such remarkable preparation and talent for the work in hand is rarely found as in the firm of Dawson & McLaughlin.



**W**ILLIAM L. PARMENTER, a prominent attorney of Lima, junior member of the law firm of Cable & Parmenter, can be claimed as a product of this city, for here he was born on May 12, 1867, here obtained a part of his education and here has met with professional success. He is a son of the well-known citizen, Cornelius Parmenter, who has been identified with journalism in this section for many years.

In 1884 William L. Parmenter was grad-





uated from the Lima High School, being recognized as one of its brilliant pupils. Two years later he entered the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, and was graduated from the law department of that institution in 1888. In July of that year he formed his present partnership with Davis J. Cable, adopting the present firm style, and together these attorneys constitute one of the strongest law firms in the city. Mr. Parmenter has been secured by a number of corporations as special attorney, one of these being The Lima Trust Company. His career has been followed with interest by old family friends, and his many victories have been the cause of sincere congratulation. He has interests outside his profession, including banking and other business enterprises.

On June 2, 1891, Mr. Parmenter was married to Hattie A. Crippen, who is a daughter of the late Milton A. Crippen, and they have two children, Warren C. and Mary E. Mr. Parmenter is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

**J**OHN P. STAMETS, who was one of the honorable business men and old-time citizens of Lima, died here on April 26, 1897. He was born in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, July 5, 1829. In his early business life, Mr. Stamets left his native State and moved to Ohio, where he resided in Wayne and Ashland counties. During the five years prior to coming to Lima, he resided in Bucyrus, where he was engaged in the dry goods business. In 1877 he located at Lima, engaging first in a hardware business and later, in the sale of wagons and buggies. Failing health induced him to dispose of many of his interests, several years before his death. The deceased was a man of business principle and commanded the respect of all associated with him.

On February 1, 1855, Mr. Stamets was married to Malinda Kern, who, with one son, Lorin E., still survives him. For 45 years he was a consistent member of the Lutheran

Church, and alike in his religious, business and social connections, his worth as an upright Christian man was recognized. He was known as one of the city's most liberal contributors to worthy objects of charity. In his political sentiments he was a life-long Democrat.

Mr. Stamets was a large owner of real estate, and erected the handsome flat building which bears his name, his widow and son residing there in much comfort.



**S**AMUEL MOWERY is a substantial farmer who owns and cultivates 80 acres of fine land in section 36, Bath township, and is also proprietor of a farm of 60 acres in Perry township. He was born January 17, 1855, in Pickaway County, Ohio, and is a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Gensell) Mowery, both of whom were natives of the county named.

The family is of Pennsylvania-Dutch stock, although Jacob Mowery, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Virginia. From that State he migrated to Pickaway County, and later settled in Allen County, where he died at the age of 80 years. He and all his children spoke the German language, and were upright, honorable men and women, whose descendants today are among the most highly esteemed residents of this county.

Samuel Mowery, Sr., was born in Pickaway County, this State, about 1819, being one of a family of 17 children, eight of whom became residents of Allen County, viz: Jerry, Amos, Isaac, Joseph, Samuel, Kate, Esther and Lydia. In early life he learned the tailor's trade, in which he engaged until after his marriage, when he turned his attention to farming, at which he was very successful. He came to the county about 1858 and purchased a tract of land, for the payment of which he was obliged to mortgage his property for \$1,500. Soon after this he contracted consumption, as the result of an attack of the measles, and died in his 40th year—18 months after coming to this country. The deceased left





a widow and eight children, viz: John F., of Henry County, Ohio; Jacob, of Bath township; Henry, of Henry County; Samuel; Susan, now deceased; Leanna, wife of M. L. Whip, of West Cairo; and Caroline and Cassie, both deceased. Some years after Mr. Mowery's death, his sons paid off the mortgage on the farm and continued the cultivation of the property. Mr. Mowery was a member of the Lutheran Church and a man who enjoyed the respect of all who knew him. He was married in Pickaway County to Elizabeth Gensell, born August 15, 1820; and a remarkably well-preserved lady of 85 years, who resides with our subject. She was married a second time to a Mr. Shuler by whom he had one son, E. W. Shuler, a resident of Henry County.

Samuel Mowery, the subject of this biography, has been a resident of Allen County since his third year, and for more than a quarter of a century has resided on his present homestead, upon which he has erected a modern residence, and convenient and commodious out-buildings.

He was married February 17, 1880, to Anna Hanthorn, of Perry township; a daughter of Ashby and Nancy (Daniels) Hanthorn. They have no children. Mr. Mowery is a strong Democrat. He is a member of the English Reformed church, of Jackson township, of which he has been deacon for the past two years.

**J**ONATHAN M. MCPHERON, who resides on his well-improved farm of 80 acres in section 16, Perry township, engaged in general farming and stock-raising, belongs to one of the pioneer families of the county. He was born on the old family homestead, a tract of 80 acres situated a half mile east of his present home and which he now owns, on April 17, 1848. He is a son of John and Hulda (Crossley) McPheron.

James McPheron, great-grandfather of Jonathan M., was born in the North of Ireland and was of Scotch descent. He came to the United States prior to the Revolutionary

War, accompanied by his wife and three children,—James, John and Robert—and settled in Greene County, Tennessee. Two more children were born after the parents came to this country—William and Betsey, the latter of whom became the wife of David Logan.

William McPheron, son of James and grandfather of Jonathan M., was born in Tennessee in 1781. He learned the trade of blacksmith and followed the same, in addition to manufacturing gun-barrels for a number of years, and was an expert in the latter business. While living in Tennessee he also followed farming and had a distillery, a custom very common in the early days. In 1835 he moved to Champaign County, Ohio, and located near the town of Liberty which, through later surveys, has been located in Montgomery County. He followed his trade there until 1837, when he came to Allen County. He purchased 80 acres of wild land in section 10, Perry township, and erected a blacksmith shop. The rest of his active life was spent in clearing his land and in pursuing the making of gun-barrels and in working at his forge. He was a well-known and respected citizen, a leader in Democratic political affairs. He was at one time elected township trustee. He was a zealous member of the New School Baptist Church. After a long and useful life he died on his farm in 1844.

William McPheron married Jane McCamish, and they had the following children: James, who died in Illinois; Elizabeth, who married David Logan and died in Indiana; William, who died in Indiana; Margaret, who married William Goetz and died in Indiana; John, who died at Dayton, Ohio; Thomas, who died in Indiana; Samuel, who died in Miami County, Ohio; Susan, who married Samuel Crossley and died in Perry township; Andrew, who died in Indiana; George, who died in Perry township; David, who died in Perry township; Alexander, deceased; Martha (Wilson) who resides at Terre Haute, Indiana; and Mary A., deceased, who was the wife of Henry Lippincott.

John McPheron, father of our subject, was born in Tennessee, and was a boy in years





when he accompanied the family to Allen County, Ohio. According to the law his time was his father's until the age of 21; but when 16 years old he bought his time by the payment of \$80 and started out for himself. Out of his wages of \$8 per month, he managed to save the sum of \$100. This hard-earned money he used in payment for 80 acres of land, the same being the homestead on which our subject was born. The latter has in his possession the original deed for this property, secured from the government. Mr. McPheron resided on this farm during the remainder of his active life, dying aged 66 years. He was a life-long Democrat. His religious connection was with the Christian Church.

John McPheron married Hulda Crossley, a member of the well-known Crossley family of Perry township, and their children were: William C., who lives in Perry township; Hester Ann, deceased in 1898, who was the wife of Enos Osborne; Jonathan M., of Perry township; Sarah Margaret, who married James Bailey and resides near Westminster; Jacob, who resides in the northeastern part of Lima, and three children who died in infancy.

Jonathan M. McPheron was reared on the home farm and was educated in the district schools of Perry township. He remained at home until 1892 when he came to his present farm in the northeastern part of section 16. As noted above, he owns the old farm which is one of considerable value on account of oil having been discovered there, seven wells being in operation. The Ohio Oil Company, of which he bought his present farm, reserved the oil rights on it. It is well adapted to both farming and pasturage and Mr. McPheron has made a success of his agricultural labors.

When 32 years of age, Mr. McPheron married Sally Franklin, who was born in Perry township. She was a sister of Clifford Franklin, a merchant at Yoder, and of James Ike Franklin, who lives in the southern part of Perry township. The children born to this marriage were: Elvin Otto, who resides on the home farm; Walter Ray, of Perry township, who married Edna Hardesty, a daughter of

Joshua Hardesty, and has one child; Myrlen Ross, who resides at home; Charles Dean, also at home; and a babe that died in infancy. On April 10, 1898, Mr. McPheron was married to Alice Ditzler, of Perry township.

In politics Mr. McPheron has always been a Democrat, but is no seeker for office. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and belongs to the congregation which holds services not far from his home.

**J**OHAN MARTIN, one of the best-known and oldest business men of Lima, who has conducted a saddle and harness business here for more than a quarter of a century, was born in Richland County, Ohio, December 19, 1827, and is a son of Charles and Christiana (Menchey) Martin.

Charles Martin, father of our subject, was born in Germany and in 1820 became one of the early settlers of Richland County, Ohio, where he remained until after the birth of his son John, removing then to Crawford County. Some years later he located in Huron County, where he lived until his death, which occurred about 1875. He reared a family of five children, namely: Henry, John, Mary, George and Samuel.

John Martin obtained his education in the district schools of Crawford and Huron counties and assisted his father in the operation of the home farm until 1845, when he commenced to learn the saddle and harness-maker's trade at Savannah, Ashland County, which was then in Huron County. He finished his apprenticeship and became a journeyman at Mansfield, Richland County, Ohio. Later he settled at Tiffin, Seneca County, this State, where he engaged in business. In 1876 he came to Lima and established himself at his present business site, No. 144 South Main street, which is also his residence. Mr. Martin has seen Lima expand from a town into a city, and in every legitimate enterprise has assisted in its development. During all the years of his business life he has enjoyed a satisfactory







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amount of patronage, since he has retained his customers through honorable and intelligent dealings. It has been a matter of pride with Mr. Martin to keep a complete stock of goods, standard in every way, and to continue to conduct his business in the same honorable way in which it was started. His stock is valued at \$3,000. He has survived many of the old business firms.

At Tiffin, Seneca County, Ohio, Mr. Martin married Lucy K. Parker, who was born in Hancock County, Ohio. Her father, who was a native of New York State, was a farmer in the years of his early manhood, later becoming an attorney. Mrs. Martin's mother was a native of Pennsylvania. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Martin, of whom three reached maturity, namely: C. F., born in Pleasant township, Hancock County, Ohio, September 29, 1854, who is a resident of Ottawa, Ohio; Samuel H., born in McComb, Ohio, February 10, 1857; Harry H., born August 2, 1863, and who died May 23, 1896, and Eva May, born August 8, 1866, who is the wife of Wallace Landis, of Lima. Mr. Martin is a Republican.

**H**ARISON HEFNER, a retired farmer residing at LaFayette whose portrait is herewith shown, was for many years actively engaged in farming and stock-raising. His homestead—a tract of 200 acres—is situated in section 19, Jackson township. He also owns another farm of 200 acres. He is a native of Colerain township, Ross County, Ohio, where he was born December 25, 1834, and is a son of Isaac and Mary (May) Hefner, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania.

When a young man Isaac Hefner located in Ross County with his parents being among its first white settlers. There he married Mary May. When he came to Allen County with his wife and children in 1840, he was a poor man, and could neither read nor write; but he possessed a shrewd business sense which enabled him to see and take advantage of the opportunities offered and which placed him among the

leading men of his time and section. On coming to this county, he entered 80 acres of land from the government and dealt extensively in cattle. He added to his acreage from time to time until he became a very large land owner. He possessed at the time of his death about 1800 acres all of the land being in Bath and Jackson townships. He was a Democrat, but did not take an active part in politics. He was a member and liberal supporter of the Reformed Church, furnishing the timber for the erection of the first log church which was built. Later he donated the land when the present edifice was erected for both church and cemetery, and contributed to the building fund for the brick church. He passed away in 1884 at the age of 75 years. His wife survived him many years, dying in 1901 at the advanced age of 94 years. Two of their nine children died in infancy. The seven who grew to maturity and are still living are as follows: Jacob, of Jackson township, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work; Harison; Amos, of Auglaize township; Clarissa, wife of Jacob Mowery, of Bath township; David, of Bath township; and John and Albert, of Jackson township.

Harison Hefner has been a resident of Jackson township since his sixth year. He remained with his parents until his marriage when he purchased 37½ acres of land in partnership with his brother Amos. Later he bought his brother's share and converted the property into a most desirable homestead by building an attractive brick residence and two large barns, with other improvements to correspond. As he prospered he added to the farm from time to time until he owned 1,000 acres, 120 acres of which was in Auglaize and 160 in Perry township, the remainder being in Jackson. Most of this large tract has been turned over to his children; he still retains 400 acres, 200 being included in the homestead. He has been a successful breeder of thoroughbred shorthorn cattle for many years.

On April 30, 1861, Mr. Hefner and Mahala Ice were joined in marriage. She was a daughter of Samuel Ice and a native of Auglaize township, Allen County, Ohio. Her death, which occurred December 22, 1901, at the age of 60 years, was felt as a personal loss by all





who knew her. Her children were as follows: Anna, wife of Lige Frederick; Charles E.; Samuel Martin, deceased; John G., deceased; Jennie Alice, wife of Jacob Bogot; Brice B.; Willard; and Harry H., who cultivates the homestead farm. Mr. Hefner has been a life-long Democrat, and has served as trustee of his township for three years. He is a member of the Reformed Church and one of the most influential men of Allen County.

**J**ASPER L. COCHRUN, one of Amanda township's leading citizens and substantial farmers, resides on his home farm of 101 acres in section 10, his place being known as the "old Archelaus Martin farm;" he also owns 179 acres in Auglaize County. Mr. Cochrun was born in Amanda township, February 1, 1859, and is a son of Simon and Lucinda (Miller) Cochrun, a grandson of Wesley Cochrun and a great-grandson of Rev. Simon Cochrun.

Rev. Simon Cochrun was a Revolutionary soldier, and for almost half a century was a minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church. His birth occurred about 1756, in Kentucky, and he died in this county in 1845, aged 89 years, 11 months and 6 days. He had three sons, one of these, Wesley, becoming the grandfather of Jasper L. Cochrun.

In 1832 Wesley Cochrun settled on a farm some four miles from Lima, on which he resided until the close of his life, at the age of 88 years. Of his large family, seven reached maturity; John, Simon, William, Rebecca, Susan, Jane and Sarah. Simon Cochrun, father of our subject, was born in Ohio in 1822 and died February 11, 1895, at his home in Amanda township, where he had settled in 1855, when our subject was four years old. For many years he was a teacher in the local schools and was a man much honored by the entire community. He married Lucinda Miller, a daughter of William and Nancy Miller, and five children were born to them, namely: James, Lambert Y., William, Elizabeth, and Jasper L.

Jasper L. Cochrun was reared on the home

farm, attended the common schools of Amanda township, and preparatory to teaching enjoyed two terms at the Ohio Normal University at Ada in 1877 and 1878. He was 19 years old when he commenced teaching and continued in the profession for five consecutive years. He then entered into partnership with his oldest brother, James Cochrun, under the firm name of Cochrun Brothers, engaging in the buying and selling of stock and the raising of cattle and hogs. His brother later removed to Spencerville and engaged in business there, but our subject has remained on the farm and has carried on extensive farming and stock-dealing operations for a number of years. He buys and ships from two to four car-loads of stock a week, and keeps from 20 to 50 head of cattle, being one of the leading stockmen of his part of the county.

In June, 1881, Mr. Cochrun was married to Catherine Belle Cameron, who is a daughter of James and Sarah (Borsock) Cameron, both of whom are deceased. Mrs. Cochrun is one of a large family and was born at Spencerville, February 28, 1859. Of the four children born to our subject and wife, three survive: Paul Wesley, James Lee and Helen Ruth. They are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which Mr. Cochrun is a trustee. Both he and his wife take an active part in church work and he has served as Sunday-school superintendent and class leader. He was only 17 years old when he united with this church, and but two survive who then were members. He has seen many changes in his section of the county and has done his full share in bringing about its development and improvement. For many years he has been a member of the Knights of Pythias.

**S**COTT T. RUMBAUGH, who owns a fine farm of 114 acres, situated in section 32, German township, was born in Bath township, this county, on October 13, 1859, and is a son of Benjamin and Mary Jane (Roberts) Rumbaugh.

Benjamin Rumbaugh, father of our sub-





ject, was also a native of Bath township. He died at Lima, in February, 1903, and was buried in Greenlawn Cemetery. The mother of our subject still survives and resides at Lima.

Scott T. Rumbaugh was reared and educated in Bath township, and remained there until he was 25 years old, when he came to Lima and secured work in the L. E. & W. Railroad shops. In 1902 Mr. Rumbaugh bought the fine farm which he now occupies, and in 1905 erected the handsome residence which is the family home, the old farm house being occupied by his son-in-law, Charles Smith.

On December 25, 1884, Mr. Rumbaugh was united in marriage, at Allentown, with Rachel Coon, who is a daughter of Wesley and Caroline (Craft) Coon, and a sister of Mrs. W. H. Benedum. The Coons were very early settlers of Allen County, locating in the vicinity of Spencerville.

Mr. and Mrs. Rumbaugh have two children living, viz: Tressie, born June 22, 1887, who was married April 11, 1903, to Charles Smith, and has one child—Frank, born October 9, 1904; and Pauline, born May 15, 1900. A twin boy and girl, Nellie and Edgar, born June 13, 1895, lived but a few hours.

Mr. Rumbaugh and wife are members of the United Brethren Church, at Allentown, and accord it liberal support. He is a member of the Knights of the Maccabees.

**H**OMER CLARK BENNETT, M. D., M. E., Ph. G., D. P., M. Ph., editor and publisher of *The Electro-Therapeutist*, a monthly journal of electricity as applied in medicine and surgery issued at Lima, a member of the faculty of the the National College of Electro-Therapeutists, and an author of numerous works on electro-medical treatment, is one of the leading physicians in his school of practice. Dr. Bennett was born in 1865, in Georgetown, Brown County, Ohio, and is one of a family of three children born to his parents, the late Rev. Silas Bennett, A. M., D. D., an eminent divine, and Catherine K. (Clark) Bennett.

Dr. Bennett's education along literary lines was liberal, including the common and high school courses, at Batavia, Woodward High School, at Cincinnati, and Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware, Ohio. After leaving college, he was trained in business methods for two years at Bellefontaine, Ohio. For four years, 1886-89, Dr. Bennett was engaged almost continuously in laboratory and medical study and he received medical degrees and diplomas from the medical department of the University of Wooster (now Delaware), Cleveland, Ohio, in 1888; from the medical department of the University of Cincinnati (the Medical College of Ohio), in 1889, at the latter institution winning the coveted Dawson prize, a handsome gold medal for the best surgical dissection. This was but the first of many honors won.

During these four years of study and close application, for five months he served as director of the Clinical Medical Dispensary in Cleveland, and for 10 weeks as chief dispensary clerk of the Medical College of Ohio at Cincinnati.

In 1888 Dr. Bennett located for the practice of medicine at Bellefontaine, Ohio, entering into partnership with his preceptor, Edwin A. Swan, M. D., M. E., one of the best diagnosticians in the State. This connection brought the young physician into a large and varied general practice, an advantage he duly appreciated. While here he first made a special study of diseases of the eye and refractive errors and had already won attention by his careful and thoughtful methods, when he became still more deeply interested in the then young science of electro-therapeutics, and soon took up work on that line, recognizing its great value from the beginning. In search of a wider field for his operations he removed to Lima in 1889, and this city has been his home ever since (except for an interval of 10 months in 1896), and here he has won honors and reaped large financial rewards. During the interval above mentioned, Dr. Bennett served as superintendent of a large mineral-water bath and electric cure sanitarium, in Indiana.

Dr. Bennett's success in his chosen line, as exhibited in his successful experiments and his





useful inventions of electrodes and apparatus, as well as his numerous contributions to the medical and electrical press, attracted the faculty of the National College of Electro-Therapeutics, at Indianapolis, Indiana, where he went for a course of instruction, who tendered him a position in that body, in 1896, and he has been associated with this well-established institution ever since.

This college, which is now known throughout the entire world, was the first correspondence school of its kind ever organized. It was founded in January, 1896, and has ever since been doing an extensive increasing correspondence. Its teaching has extended to every continent, the records showing that it has satisfactorily and successfully given instruction in electro-therapeutics to over 2,000 students at their homes, many of whom afterward came to the college seeking personal instruction, a number of whom have become noted specialists.

When the health of the founder, Dr. William F. Howe, gave way, and he was compelled on this account to seek a different climate, the school was removed to Lima, Ohio, and Dr. Bennett was elected general secretary and treasurer of the college, and assumed entire charge of the correspondence and business part of the school work. He also became the editor and publisher of the college journal, *The Electro-Therapist*, which has met with much public favor, and has just closed its ninth year's volume. Dr. Bennett gives personal instruction in general electro-therapeutics, and the demonstration of apparatus, and technique, to students. He also enjoys an extensive and lucrative practice in his specialty, while his many inventions and improvements in electrodes are being sold, and are in use, all over the world. They are constructed on scientific principles, and each year finds them more in demand, as the medical profession, and public becomes more and more convinced of the great value of electricity as a remedy. Dr. Bennett's private offices are equipped with an elaborate and extensive selection of up-to-date electrical apparatus, much of which is of original design and construction.

Dr. Bennett has been, and still continues to be, a prolific writer in his special line. He is the author, editor and publisher of the "Electro-Therapeutic Guide," which is recognized as the most condensed, concise and thoroughly practical book on the subject, which has ever been issued. It is intended particularly for the use of the busy physician, and it contains the only complete electro-medical dictionary. Its popularity may be judged by the fact that the demand has already exhausted six popular editions and the seventh is now in use. Dr. Bennett has also compiled and published the only complete and scientific resume of the subject of electrocution, to which he has devoted a great deal of scientific study.

In addition to the medical degrees mentioned, Dr. Bennett has received the regular degree of Master of Electro-Therapeutics, from the National College of Electro-Therapeutics, this honor being given in Indiana, and he has also been the recipient of the same, as an "honorary degree," from the Eastern College of Electro-Therapeutics, at Philadelphia. He holds diplomas conferring both the regular and post-graduate title of Ph.G. from the Ohio Institute of Pharmacy at Columbus, and the degree of D. P., from the Chicago School of Psychology. He also was given the first "honorary degree" of Master of Physiological-Therapeutics, from the Cincinnati Post-Graduate School of Physiological-Therapeutics, and is a consultant to that institution. For several years he served as city physician and also police surgeon, to the city of Lima, served also as a member of the Lima Board of Health, and has been examiner for a number of the leading life insurance companies. He thus has had a wide and varied experience in treating all kinds and classes of ailments, and he is often consulted and quoted as an authority in matters electro-medical.

Dr. Bennett is a valued member of the National Society of Electro-Therapeutics, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Association of Physicians and Surgeons, and is a charter member of the American Roentgen Ray Society, and of the American Electro-Medical Society, of





which he was vice-president in 1904. At its convention in 1905, when the name was changed to that of the American Progressive Therapeutic Society, Dr. Bennett was honored by election to the presidency. As is natural, other schools and cities want his services and influence, and he has received numerous flattering offers, from prominent metropolitan specialists, schools and electrical houses, to leave Lima for other points, all of which he has declined, preferring his present congenial field.

On January 19, 1887, Dr. Bennett married Carrie Elizabeth Deeds, of Bellefontaine, Ohio. They have one son—Clark Leroy. The home of Dr. Bennett and family is located at No. 125 North Pierce street, Lima. In 1901 the Doctor built a handsome four-story apartment residence building at Lima, known as the "Elektron," which he subsequently sold. Its total cost was \$25,282.76, and the sale was effected at a considerably higher figure and was consummated June 17, 1905.

In national politics Dr. Bennett is affiliated with the Republican party, but his busy life gives him very little opportunity to be an active politician, even if his tastes led in that direction. However, he finds time for many social pleasures in his hospitable home, and in numerous fraternal orders. He is an Odd Fellow, a Modern Woodman, a Good Templar, an Oriental, a Khorassan, and is a prominent member of the Senate team of the famous Lima Lodge No. 91, Knights of Pythias.

Dr. Bennett is well and favorably known both at home and abroad, as a physician, scientist, inventor, author, poet, and student. In addition to his scientific writings, he has also written many beautiful poems, which have been pronounced by able critics to be "literary gems," and which have been widely copied, in both literary and medical publications. If questioned what he considers three of his greatest blessings, it is probable that he would reply in his genial way: "to be alive at the beginning of the 20th century; to be young; and to be in the enjoyment of splendid health." That he may continue to enjoy these blessings which promise future usefulness and added

honors, and, as youth necessarily departs, find just as desirable middle and advanced age, is the united wish of thousands who have come under his influence either personally or through his writings.

**L**AMBERT Y. COCHRUN, the leading dry goods merchant and notion dealer, at Spencerville, belongs to one of the old-established families of the county. Mr. Cochrun was born in Allen County, Ohio, and is a son of Simon and Lucinda (Miller) Cochrun, a grandson of Wesley Cochrun and a great-grandson of Rev. Simon Cochrun.

Rev. Simon Cochrun was a very early settler of the county, one of the pioneer ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and had fought in the patriot army during the Revolutionary War. He was born about 1756 in Montgomery County, Kentucky, and very early in the '30's migrated to Ohio and settled in Allen County. Of his three sons, Wesley, the grandfather of our subject, entered land four miles north of the city of Lima, in 1832. He was born in Kentucky, in 1800, had served in the War of 1812, and at the age of 32 years was already a family man. He developed a fine farm from the wilderness, was a promoter of religion and education in his locality, and concluded a life of 85 years in useful service to his family and community. Their humble home of logs was one of good cheer and hospitality, as it was also the gathering place for the founders of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the locality, the whole family having been closely identified with its establishment. Seven of his children reached maturity, namely: John, Simon, William, Rebecca, Susan, Jane and Sarah. John Cochrun became a farmer in Franklin County, Ohio; Rebecca is deceased; Susan, widow of A. G. Pague, lived and died on the old Cochrun homestead; Jane became Mrs. West and removed to Texas, and Sarah became Mrs. McGuire and lived at Ada, Ohio.

Simon Cochrun, father of Lambert Y., was





a man of native ability and acquired education. He was born in this county in 1822, and died at his home in Amanda township February 11, 1895. He became one of the leading educators of the county, teaching a number of years and training three of his sons to the profession. In 1855 he settled in Amanda township, where the remainder of his life was passed. He married Lucinda Miller, a daughter of William and Nancy Miller, who resided some two miles west of Cairo. Mrs. Cochrun survived her husband, and at the time of her death was a resident of Spencerville. The five children of this marriage were: James, a prominent business man and well-known citizen of Spencerville; Lambert Y.; William, who died at the age of 17 years; Elizabeth, who died when 22 years of age; and Jasper L., a farmer of Amanda township.

Lambert Y. Cochrun was carefully reared and well trained in agriculture on the home farm, where he lived until his 16th year. He passed creditably through the public schools; in 1869 completed a course at the National Normal School, at Lebanon, Ohio, and began teaching when 17 years of age. He thus continued for five years and then decided to enter into business. In the spring of 1875 he formed a partnership with Joseph August in the hardware and grocery business, which the firm continued for 18 months, when Mr. Cochrun withdrew and resumed teaching. In the spring of 1878 he reentered business, purchasing a stock of groceries and opening up in a small frame building, which has since been replaced by a business block of fine proportions. Having made a success of his grocery, he enlarged the scope of his enterprise by adding a line of boots and shoes, and was preparing to still further expand the establishment when the disastrous fire of 1884 destroyed both property and stock. In a very short time, however, he had completed the erection of his present two-story brick building, the second to be constructed of that material in Spencerville. He now has a commodious store, 26 by 90 feet in dimensions, and equipped in modern style, as befits the leading dry goods emporium of the place. His well-selected stock would do credit

to a city of much larger population than Spencerville, and Mr. Cochrun takes pride in the fact that he satisfies a very discriminating public. An excellent business man, his patrons find him also a courteous gentleman with whom it is a pleasure to deal.

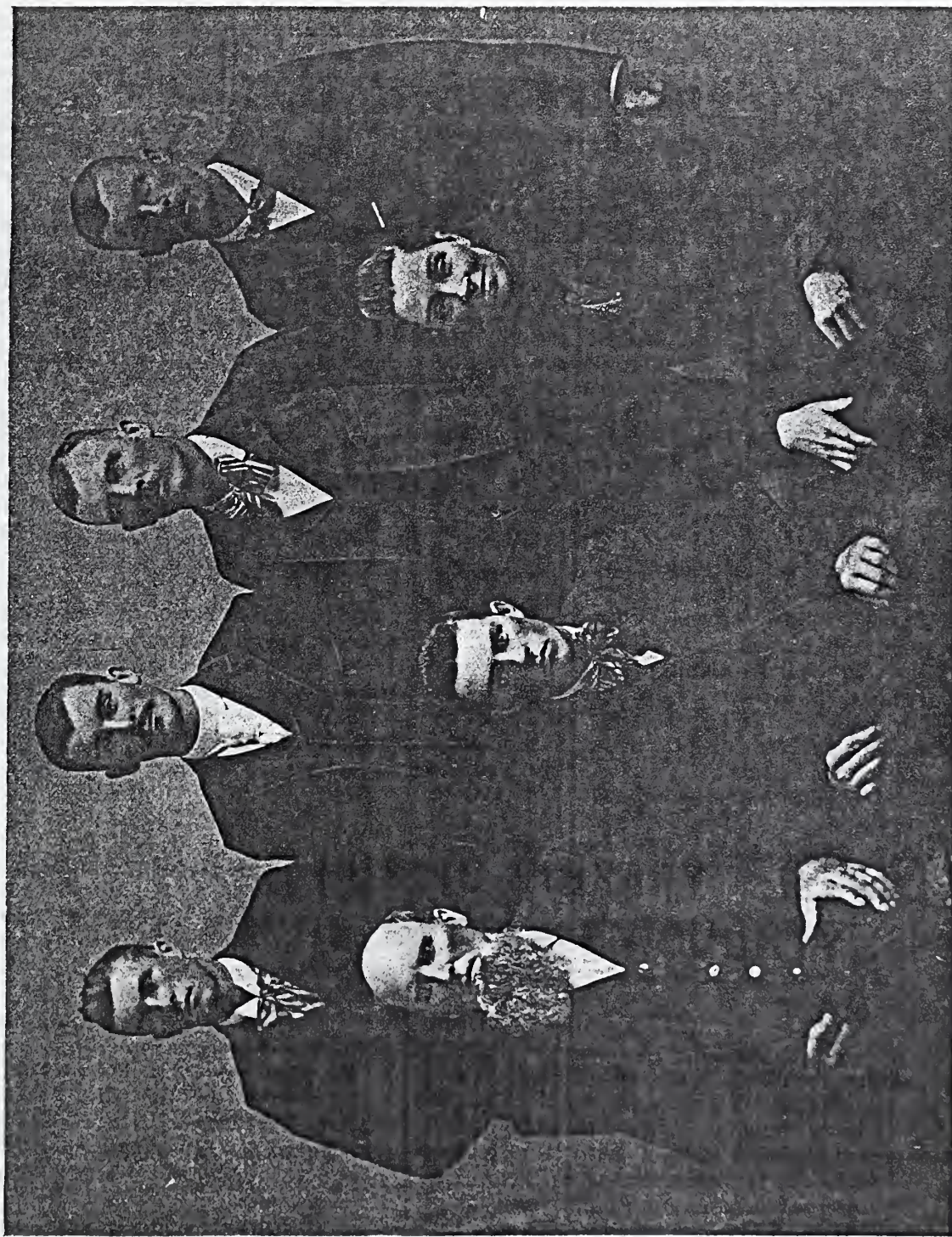
On March 31, 1872, Mr. Cochrun was married to Margaret E. Berryman, who was born in Auglaize County, Ohio, July 9, 1852, and is a daughter of Russell and Elizabeth (Whetstone) Berryman. These children were born to this union, viz: Bert C., Carrie M., Jannette, Raymond F. and Frank W. All survive with the exception of Raymond F., who died aged six years. The family home, one of the most comfortable and attractive in the place, is also one of the most hospitable. The young people are all bright, intellectual, cultivated young Americans, who enjoy social pleasures with zest, and many literary programs have been carried out in their pleasant parlors. Mr. Cochrun and family are connected with the Baptist Church.

Mrs. Cochrun represents one of the old Ohio families. Tradition, well established, tells of the beginning of the Berryman family on American soil. Seven brothers of the name came from England, the names of the five preserved being John, James, George, William and Thomas. Prior to the Revolutionary War they emigrated to New Jersey, and from William Berryman have descended the Berrymans of Ohio. He had left England on account of religious persecution, afterward joining the patriot army and fighting under Washington. His death is not recorded, but as his family resided in New Jersey it is probable that he died in that State. One of his sons—his namesake—emigrated to Virginia, after the Revolutionary War, settling in the vicinity of Wheeling, whence he removed to Montgomery County, Ohio. He then settled on a farm near Dayton, and subsequently removed to what afterward became Auglaize County, entering 200 acres of land in Logan township and residing upon it until his death in 1830. He joined a Virginia regiment in the War of 1812, and was buried in Amanda township.

William Berryman (2) married, in Vir-







MR. AND MRS. SOLOMON H. ARNOLD AND FAMILY





ginia, Rachel Clauson, who was born in New Jersey. When she was a child her parents had emigrated to Virginia. These grandparents of Mrs. Cochrun reared five sons and four daughters—the third son, Russell, becoming the father of Mrs. Cochrun. He was born in Montgomery County, Ohio, in 1815, and died January 9, 1878. When he came to Allen County with his parents he was seven years old. During his boyhood he spent much of his time with the Indians, so mastering the Shawnee tongue that he was able to talk fluently in it. His life was mainly passed on the homestead. Although a strong Democrat, he was not anxious for political preferment, the only office he ever accepted being that of director of the County Infirmary. He was married (first) to Margaret Slain, of West Virginia, who died in 1846, leaving three sons and two daughters. His second wife was Elizabeth Whetstone, and Mrs. Cochrun is the fourth member of a family of five daughters and three sons.

Mr. Cochrun has always been an active and useful citizen. For two terms he served as corporation clerk; two terms as treasurer of Spencer township; 14 years as a member of the Board of Education, and its treasurer for eight years; one term as township clerk, and six years as a member of the Town Council.

**S**OLOMON H. ARNOLD, proprietor of the "Golden Ridge Stock Farm," which is located in sections 9 and 10, Jackson township, is one of the representative self-made men of this locality as well as an honored survivor of the Civil War. Mr. Arnold was born in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, 12 miles east of New Philadelphia, August 10, 1843, and is a son of Hickman and Martha (Garree) Arnold.

The grandparents of our subject were Solomon and Barbara (Stonebrook) Arnold, who were born in Pennsylvania. They were early settlers in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, where the father entered land and also followed his trade of cabinet-making. The family is of German

extraction. Hickman Arnold, father of Solomon H., was born in 1820 in Tuscarawas County, and died on his farm there in 1848. He married Martha Garree, who was born in Coshocton County, Ohio, March 16, 1827, and still survives residing in the vicinity of Beaver Dam. She is a daughter of Joseph and Margaret (Cochran) Garree, the former of whom was born near Yorkville, Pennsylvania, and the latter in Scotland. They had two children, viz: Solomon H. and Joseph. The latter died May 12, 1903, in Fulton County, Indiana, where he was engaged in farming. During the Civil War he served one year in the 151st Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf.

After a period of widowhood, Mrs. Arnold, mother of our subject was married to Samuel Fackler, and they had these children: Philip, of Union County, Ohio; Catherine (Welch), of Hardin County, Ohio; Isaac, of Richland township; Simon W., of Beaver Dam; Eva (Hesser), of Larue, Ohio; Henderson, of LaFayette, and three children, who died in infancy. Mr. Fackler is now deceased. 1906

Solomon H. Arnold remained on the farm on which he was born until his father died and his mother subsequently remarried, when he was about six years old. The family then located on a farm five miles south of New Philadelphia, where Solomon remained until he was 10 years old, when his stepfather purchased a farm of 160 acres at Beaver Dam and removed the family thither. When but 14 years of age the youth began to care for himself by working for the neighboring farmers, and as he was economical and thrifty, by the time he was 18 years old he had sufficient capital to warrant his purchasing a farm of 100 acres of timberland, which he finished paying for from the proceeds of his day labor.

Early in 1864 Mr. Arnold located in Bureau County, Illinois, and in March entered the employ of the firm of Moss & Fettero, who operated flouring mills there, but he resigned this position on May 6th in order to enlist for service in the Civil War. He entered Company A, 139th Reg., Illinois Vol. Inf., under Capt. E. R. Virden, Col. P. Davidson and General Meredith. The regiment was mustered into the





service at Peoria, Illinois, on June 6, and was ordered to Cairo where it relieved the 122d Regiment. The command to which our subject was attached was then transferred to the commissary department and later was assigned to the duty of transporting prisoners up and down the river, continuing in this employment until the ranks were thinned by measles to which our subject fell a victim in August. He also injured himself by carrying a heavy box of guns and was therefore placed on the sick list.

Mr. Arnold was entered at the Cairo hospital and was detained there under medical care until his regiment was sent in pursuit of Bragg, who made his last stand at Pilot Knob. Our subject did not accompany that expedition, but was dismissed from the hospital and ordered home on a furlough. He was honorably discharged at Peoria on October 28, 1865. Having profitably spent his furlough at Princeton, Illinois, he returned there and engaged as a carpenter with the firm of Archer & Robbins, but in the following November he returned to Allen County.

On January 25, 1866, Mr. Arnold was married to Sarah Emeline Millikin, who was born August 27, 1843, in Richland County, Ohio, and died June 5, 1904. She was a daughter of Thomas B. and Elizabeth (Moore) Millikin, the father a native of Washington County, Pennsylvania, and the mother, of Monroeville, Ohio. The children of this marriage were: Thomas, of Bath township, who married Alma Cramer and is the father of Mabel, Madge, Harley, Wava and Herbert; Emmet B., of Marshall County, Kansas, who married Belle Robison and has three children—Stanton, Maud, Hazel, Joseph and Minor; William A., of Jackson township, who married Eva LeRue, and has these children—Roy, Thurman, Genevieve and Merrill William; Joseph, who married Dile Ransbottom, has had two children (now deceased) and resides with his father on the farm; Carey C., who married Clara Heffner and resides near the homestead, and is the father of Rolla, Walter, Wilbur, Garold and Velma Levern; and Isaac Fremont, who died aged two years. The death of the mother of

these children was a great blow to Mr. Arnold and family, and a matter of deep regret to all, who fully appreciated her as a kind neighbor and a faithful friend. With Mr. Arnold she took the most affectionate interest in her bright, intelligent grandchildren and her love was returned by them all.

After his marriage, Mr. Arnold removed to a farm of 100 acres two miles from the one on which he now lives. This he sold two years later and bought the 160 acres composing the homestead, for which he paid \$6,000. Five years later he erected his present modern brick residence at a cost of \$3,000, which was the first brick house built in the vicinity. He erected also a substantial barn, 57 by 40 feet in dimensions, and has added such other buildings as became necessary. Later Mr. Arnold bought the 240-acre Milikin farm adjoining, 40 acres of which he sold to his son, and on this property he built a barn 40 by 60 feet, and made many improvements thereon, including the building of a wind pump. He has cleared 30 acres of each farm. He also owns an interest in a farm at Beaver Dam. He has been a very extensive dealer and raiser of fine stock and the results of the 10 large stock sales which he has conducted indicate that the products of the "Golden Ridge Stock Farm" have a first-class reputation throughout the State.

Politically, Mr. Arnold is a Democrat and cast his first vote, while in the army, for General McClellan. He has been township trustee, served six years as infirmary director and has been many times selected as a delegate of his party to important conventions. He belongs to Mart Armstrong Post, No. 202, G. A. R. at Lima; is president of the Farmers' Institute, of Jackson township, and was a member of the local grange until the work of the order was discontinued in the township. He is a member and a liberal supporter of the Methodist Church, being one of the trustees; he was formerly Sunday-school superintendent and president of the township association.

Personally Mr. Arnold, like the other men of his family, is of fine presence and large and generous stature. He recalls his great-grandfather, John Garee, as of similar appearance,





and remembers sitting on the latter's knee and listening to his tales of the War of 1812 and of the pioneer struggles with the Indians. Mr. Arnold's only brother, the late Joseph Arnold, weighed 229 pounds, was as large mentally as physically, and a very successful business man. The younger generation is also coming to the front, and the indications are that Mr. Arnold will have reason to be as proud of his grandchildren as he is justified in being of his children. Mabel, when a little miss of 10 years, successfully passed a very difficult examination at the Boxwell examination; she graduated from the Lima High School in 1905, and is now teaching in the Garfield School, Lima, as a substitute.

A group picture of the Arnold family accompanies this sketch, being shown on a foregoing page.

**E**ZEKIEL HOVER, the veteran ice dealer of Lima, was born in this county in 1849 and has lived here all his life, having been reared and educated in Shawnee township. His father was Charles Adgate Hover, who came to this county in 1833 with his parents, Ezekiel and Sarah (Adgate) Hover, and followed agricultural pursuits throughout his life. Charles Adgate Hover married Adaline Smedley, and to them were born eight children.

The subject of this sketch was reared on the farm and followed agricultural occupations until 1875, when he located in Lima and engaged in the ice business, which he has since conducted. For 28 years the company was known as Thomas & Hover, his partner being John Thomas, who retired in January, 1902, leaving Mr. Hover in sole possession of the business. In addition to his large ice business, which he has conducted so profitably, Mr. Hover is interested in various enterprises, and is an energetic, enthusiastic citizen whose influence is an inspiration to his community.

In 1872 Mr. Hover was married to Elizabeth A. Bresler, a daughter of the late Joseph Bresler, who was a pioneer citizen of Lima and was marshal of the city during the Civil War. Of the children born to this union, three are

living, namely: C. A., manager of the Muncie (Indiana) Builders' Supply Company; Katharine, wife of Charles Herbst, of Nelson & Herbst, merchant tailors of Lima; and Harriet. Mr. Hover is a member of the Knights of Pythias. He was reared a Presbyterian.

**J**ACOB MOSER, secretary and treasurer of the South Side Building & Loan Association, of Lima, and a member of its board of directors, is one of the city's well-known and respected business men. Mr. Moser was born in Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland, April 13, 1835, and is a son of David and Anna (Habbegger) Moser.

David Moser was also a native of Switzerland, where he married and carried on business as a hatter. After he came to America, in 1853, he engaged in farming in Wells County, Indiana, in the vicinity of Newville. His family consisted of five children, viz: Jacob; Mary, wife of A. Ramseyer, of Lima; Eliza, wife of G. Sourer, of Newville, Indiana; Mrs. Rosina Anner, of Newville, Indiana; and Fred, who is in the drug business at Lima.

Jacob Moser, who was the eldest of the family, was educated in Switzerland and learned the hatter's trade with his father. After coming to America, he located at Bluffton, this county, and embarked in the drug business, in which he continued for some eight years, then locating in Lima, where, in association with J. Myers, he conducted a well-patronized drug-store for five years. In 1884, after selling his interest, he engaged in the furniture and undertaking business and as a member of the firm of Townsend, Moser & Company, was so occupied until 1893. Mr. Moser is known as one of the honest and upright business men of this city, and has a wide circle of personal, as well as business friends. He is social by nature, and for many years has been active both in the Odd Fellow and Masonic fraternities.

In 1888 Mr. Moser became associated with the South Side Building & Loan Association,





and has been its secretary since that year. He is a man of public spirit and may always be found with those who work for the best interests of the city.

On March 11, 1861, Mr. Moser was united in marriage with Elizabeth Neuenschwander, of Wayne County, Ohio, a native of this State. Four children have been born to them, viz: Emma, who married Dr. F. G. Stueber, of Lima; Bertha, wife of W. H. Deakin, of Lima; and Calvin and Albert, both deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Moser have a very pleasant and attractive home, which is located at No. 506 West North street.

Albert Moser, A. M., M. D., Mr. and Mrs. Moser's younger son, was a graduate both of Oberlin College and the medical department of Harvard University. He served in the Spanish-American War, where he contracted the illness which terminated in his death, December 8, 1903, at the Saranac Lake Sanitarium, New York.

**J**OHAN BIXEL, cashier of the First National Bank of Bluffton, has been a lifelong resident of the town, having been born here June 11, 1869. His father is Peter Bixel, Sr., a farmer residing near Bluffton. Mr. Bixel acquired a good, practical business education, attending the Bluffton High School, from which he was graduated in the class of 1889. The following eight years were spent in teaching in district schools, during which time he took the work of the Ohio Normal University at Ada, Ohio. His first venture in the commercial world was in the grocery business with his brother David. Bixel Brothers conducted their store for three years, and then our subject disposed of his interest in the concern to his brother and became a partner of B. C. Mann, who was engaged in the shoe and clothing business. Two years later the firm of Bixel & Mann was dissolved by Mr. Bixel's withdrawal from the company.

About this time the First National Bank was organized, Mr. Bixel being one of the promoters of the enterprise, and he was chosen as cashier, a position which he has since retained to the perfect satisfaction of all con-

cerned. The first officers of the bank were: Simon Herr, president; Lewis S. Duper, vice-president; John Bixel, cashier, the foregoing with Amas A. Geiger and A. J. Solomon constituting the board of directors. The only change made since in this list of officers was occasioned by the withdrawal of Mr. Solomon, who sold his stock to Henry Gratz, who was later elected a director. Mr. Bixel was one of the chief promoters of the Beaver Dam Bank, which was organized in 1902. This is a private bank, of which Mr. Herr is president and our subject, one of the directors.

Mr. Bixel married Halla Russell, who is a native of Bluffton and a daughter of Orin and Ella (Halla) Russell. Her grandfather was Daniel Russell, one of the first residents here. He was president of the first bank established, the People's Bank, and also conducted a general merchandise store and grain depot, his son Orin being a partner under the firm name of Russell & Son. Both are deceased. Mr. Bixel has one child, a son, Russell L., born April 19, 1899. Our subject is a member of the Menonite Church and one of Bluffton's most forceful and enterprising men.

**J**AMES M. COCHRAN, one of the well-known residents of Marion township and a veterinarian of great skill, belongs to one of the very old families of Tennessee, which is also numbered among the old and honored pioneer families of Allen County. His male ancestors were distinguished both in the War of the Revolution and in the War of 1812.

James M. Cochran, the great-grandfather of the present James M., was born in Scotland and came to America prior to the Revolutionary War. He settled among the mountains of Tennessee, took an active part in the affairs of his section, participated in the border wars and, as far as known, protected his property and family in those pioneer days, as became a man of sturdy courage. His three sons were named, William, Benjamin and Isaac.

William Cochran, the eldest, was our subject's paternal grandfather. He was born in Tennessee and served seven years in the In-





dian wars of his native State. In the War of 1812 he also served as a soldier and for this service received a land grant of 200 acres located in Paulding County, Ohio. He had settled, prior to this, among the pioneers of Ross County, Ohio, where he married Betsey Manery, a lady of Irish extraction and of Revolutionary ancestry. To this marriage were born 10 children, of whom the following reached mature years: John M., Jane, James, Catherinè, Nancy and William. Of these, John M. was treasurer of Putnam County. When he went to the county seat to make settlement, he carried the funds in his wallet on horseback, the amount at that time not exceeding \$60. William, his brother, was one of the early sheriffs of Putnam County, a representative man of his day, prominent in political and business life.

William Cochran the elder was an able man and left the impress of his sterling character on every locality in which he lived. From Ross County he moved in 1821 to what is now Allen County. He "squatted" on a small farm on the Auglaize River and during his short period of residence cleared up one field. This farm, located in section 4, Marion township, is now owned by the King family and is occupied by a Mr. Wagner. After the land came into the market Benjamin Cochran bought it and William then removed to the farm now occupied by Mr. Long, located two miles north of Dr. Cochran's home in section 22, with the Auglaize River bordering it on the west. Later he bought 103 acres at Middlepoint, Van Wert County, and this, together with his land in Paulding County, made him the owner of 310 acres. He died on his farm at Middlepoint, at the age of 88 years, one of the few survivors of the pioneers who had come to Allen County before the Shawnee Indians had departed. He served officially in Putnam (Allen) County, and was a circuit court judge, being appointed at Kalida, Ohio.

James Cochran, the third son of William Cochran and the father of Dr. Cochran, was born in Ross County, Ohio, November 25, 1804. Born among pioneer surroundings, his education was limited. School terms were of short duration in those days and accommoda-

tions necessarily poor in the small, hastily constructed log school-houses; but he possessed the native ability of his family and was reckoned among the well-informed men of his day. The large amount of active, outdoor exercise involved in clearing and cultivating the pioneer farm, gave him a stalwart frame and the robust health which prolonged his years far beyond those of his contemporaries. He died in Marion township, Allen County, June 12, 1893. His son, our subject, can recall many of the conditions of pioneer life from his own experience and many others from hearsay, and they are very interesting as presenting a picture so different from what may be seen here at the present day.

The family home was built first of round logs, right in the forest, but a more secure one was later constructed of hewed logs. The clearing of the 100 acres, on which Dr. Cochran now resides, was done with ox teams, the great strength of the oxen performing the tasks which now would be done by machinery. Mr. Cochran used the old wooden mold-board plow and threshed his grain with a flail. The Shawnee Indians were yet a powerful tribe in this section, in fact, when Mr. Cochran came to the county he had but three families of white neighbors. Treating the Indians with justice, Mr. Cochran made friends with the braves and they traded together to their mutual benefit, and no Indians ever endangered the peace of his family. With the assistance of his white neighbors, Mr. Cochran blazed paths through the forests. Wild animals still roamed all through this section, the wolves and deer coming to the very door. A number of the latter were shot from the doorstep, for food. The larder was also easily supplied with fish from the clear Auglaize River.

For household supplies it was necessary to go to Defiance by boat, and to Pickaway with grain for the mill, the latter trip being one of importance and requiring a week's absence from home. With his neighbors Mr. Cochran assisted in the building of the canal, worked in the timber getting out material for the building of the locks on the same, and also worked on flatboats which were built at Wapakoneta for use on the river.





James Cochran was twice married; first on September 10, 1826, to Julia Ann Russell, who was a daughter of one of the first settlers in Amanda township, where he located in 1817, lived at Fort Amanda and was a large Indian trader. The children of this marriage were: William R., who was born in 1829, and two daughters, both of whom died. The mother of these children died in 1834. Two years later Mr. Cochran married Isabella Sunderland, and 12 children were born to this union, the survivors being: Elizabeth, wife of Isaac Stemen, of Huntington, Indiana; Julia Ann, wife of Henry Temple, of Convoy, Ohio; Mary, wife of Robert Martin, of Nebraska; James, the subject of this sketch; Ellen, wife of William Daniels, of Missouri; Nancy, wife of Clarence Hurlbutt, of German township; and Orlando, a resident of Boston, Massachusetts. Hattie, deceased, was the wife of Frank Elder. George served in the Civil War as a member of McLaughlin's Squad, Ohio Cavalry, and was taken prisoner in Stoneman's raid. He was incarcerated in Andersonville Prison and died in Mellon Prison in October, 1848. James Cochran was a magistrate in Marion township and served in a number of the township offices. He was an elder in the Presbyterian Church.

James M. Cochran, the immediate subject of this sketch, was educated in the schools of Marion township, in which township he has always had his residence. When not more than seven years of age, he assisted in filling in the embankment of the P., Ft. W. & C. Railway near his home, hauling the dirt in his little cart. He well remembers the old days of harvesting, when he used the old-fashioned cradle almost from sunrise to sunset, for 75 cents a day. His present fine farm is operated by a tenant along modern lines. His beautiful residence and substantial farm buildings are very noticeable from the Lima turnpike road, the highway which passes his gate.

Dr. Cochran has always taken more than the usual interest that an agriculturist and stockman takes in the health and development of animals, appreciating their many admirable qualities and understanding their structure and ailments. During the Civil War, as a member

of Company B, McLaughlin's Squad, Ohio Cavalry, he put many of his theories into practice, which resulted in the saving of many horses to the service. Since 1880 he has given almost constant attention to a veterinary practice which extends all over the county. He has attended no college; but he has gained a wonderful amount of useful knowledge in his profession through practical experience and real interest in his work.

Dr. Cochran has been twice married; first to Ellen Roush, who was a daughter of Jacob Roush of Amanda township. The death of his first wife and two sons, William S. and Edward, left him not only with his domestic peace disturbed, but just at that time overcome with financial difficulties; in fact without a dollar. He was living on his father-in-law's farm and Mr. Roush insisted upon his remaining there. Through great industry and perseverance he managed to regain his financial standing, and now is one of the substantial men of the township. In 1878 he married, second, Catherine Baxter, who is a daughter of Samuel Baxter. He has one daughter by his first marriage, Almerta, who is the wife of Charles Ford, of Marion township. The three children of his second union are: Dora, wife of Jesse S. Myers, who resides in Marion township, south of the homestead; Orlando Bertrue, living at home; and Viola, wife of Ernest East, of Cleveland, Ohio.

Dr. Cochran remained for a time on Mr. Roush's farm in Amanda township, then rented the homestead farm and finally purchased it. It is a fine property and possesses more than the usual amount of interest for the Doctor, as he assisted very materially in the clearing of the greater part of it from the primitive forest.

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**H**OWARD B. HOVER, pharmacist, controls one of the largest drug-stores in the city of Lima, his business having a very favorable location at No. 38, Public Square. Mr. Hover represents one of the old pioneer families of the county. A son of David E. Hover, he was born in 1868 in Shawnee township,







B. F. THOMAS





within 1,000 yards of the old Shawnee Council House, on the first ground cleared by the Indians.

The Hover family claims Scotch descent, but the founders of it in the United States sailed from Holland. The American forefathers were John, Emanuel and Peter, who probably settled in New Jersey some time prior to the Revolutionary War, in which they all participated. John Hover was killed by the Indians in the early period of the conflict; and Emanuel Hover, the head of the branch from which our subject sprung, was a captain under Washington.

Ezekiel Hover, the great-grandfather of our subject, removed in 1800 from Sussex County, New Jersey, to Western Pennsylvania, and then to Trumbull County, Ohio, in the Western reserve. In 1833 he located in Allen County as one of the first settlers. His son, Emanuel Hover, was born in the Western Reserve and accompanied the family to Allen County. In 1836 he returned to Trumbull County, there married Margaret Carlisle and then returned to Allen County, locating first in Amanda township and later removing to Shawnee township. Two children were born to him and his wife: David Ezekiel and Sarah Ann (Hanson) the latter deceased in 1881.

David Ezekiel Hover, was born in the cabin of the Shawnee chief, Pht, in Shawnee township, in 1837, but he was mainly reared in Trumbull County. In 1859 he returned to Allen County. He resides in Shawnee township near Lima and is a member of the board of trustees of the Allen County Children's Home. He married Susan Boyd, and to them were born five children, of whom Howard B. and his twin sister, Margaret Anna, are the youngest.

Howard B. Hover was reared and educated in Shawnee township. His literary training was obtained at the Ohio Normal University at Ada, where he also took a course in pharmacy. He then entered the drug-store of Mr. W. M. Melville, and in 1893 became connected with Mr. Truesdale, at Lima. In 1897 he purchased Mr. Truesdale's entire interest and has not only continued the business, but has greatly enlarged its scope. He is recognized

as a reliable pharmacist and compounder of prescriptions and an enterprising and honorable business man. His professional standing is evident by his close association with the leading drug organizations of the country; he is a member of the National Association of Retail Druggists, and the Ohio State and Lima pharmaceutical association, and has served as secretary of the last named body.

In 1897 Mr. Hover was married to Florence Fisher, a daughter of George Fisher, who is a hardware merchant of Auglaize County. They are members of the Lutheran Church. Mr. Hover's fraternal connections are with the Elks and Knights of Pythias.



F. THOMAS, while yet a young man, has evinced an aptitude for business which has placed him at the head of one of the leading industrial establishments of Lima. As president of the Lima Pork Packing Company, which he founded several years ago, he occupies a prominent position among the leading men of the city, and has been the means of drawing to this city a volume of business which has largely added to her present prosperity. Mr. Thomas was born in New York City in 1871, and is a son of Morgan Thomas, who conducts a very profitable butter, egg and poultry business in Lima and is one of the city's representative men.

B. F. Thomas was a small child when his parents moved from New York to Sidney, Ohio, and a lad of 12 years when they located in Lima. After his school days were past, he became a partner with his father in the butter, egg and poultry business, the company of M. Thomas & Son doing an extensive business and handling large quantities of produce. Young Thomas saw the success that would result from a packing plant in Lima, and in 1898 withdrew from the partnership with his father and opened a pork packing plant. This he conducted more profitably than he had anticipated, and as the volume of business continued to increase the present company was incorporated in 1901, with a capital stock of \$60,000. The officers





of the company are: President, B. F. Thomas; vice-president, Ira P. Carnes; treasurer, W. C. Bradley; secretary, D. W. Leichty. The plant slaughters weekly from 40 to 60 beeves, and from 200 to 600 hogs, besides sheep, lambs and calves, in addition to handling about 25 carloads of pickled meats a year. It manufactures daily about 4,000 pounds of sausage, bologna. Employment is given to some 35 men. The two traveling salesmen of the concern visit 60 or 70 of the leading towns in this part of the State, where they find a ready market for the products of the plant. Mr. Thomas is a stockholder and director of The Ohio National Bank and the Superior Brick Company. He was married in 1896, to Anna M. Armstrong. His portrait accompanies this sketch.



**W**D. CARPENTER, one of the old and well-established business men and a leading confectioner of Lima, was born at New Salem, Fairfield County, Ohio, and is a son of H. M. Carpenter, a pioneer merchant at Granville, Licking County, Ohio, where he was a valued business man for over 30 years.

During our subject's infancy his parents moved from Fairfield to Licking County, where his father, as above stated, established himself at Granville. Here the child grew to young manhood, receiving his education in the schools of that place. He then learned the tinner's trade, and subsequently became foreman of the tin department in the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' Home, at Xenia. After remaining four years in that institution, he removed to Wellington, Clinton County, and there found a favorable opening for a bakery and confectionery business. During his three years there he developed such skill in this line that he removed to Lima to occupy a wider field. Here he carried on both lines of business for a year and then sold his bakery interests in order to give more attention to his rapidly expanding confectionery trade. He is the pioneer in this business here and at present controls the bulk of it. He is a large manufacturer, and Carpenter's caramels and Carpenter's

ice cream are well known throughout this entire section.

In 1880 Mr. Carpenter was married to Julia Miller, who is a daughter of Albert Miller, a prominent farmer of Greene County, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter are members of the Presbyterian Church at Lima. Fraternally he is a Mason and a Knight of Pythias. His business location is No. 9 Public Square, where his display of confections is large and attractive, and where a visitor may discover the sanitary conditions and scientific methods, which makes the sweets manufactured here both digestible and wholesome.



**N**EWTON C. BEERY, one of the trustees of German township, and one of the county's substantial farmers and representative men, was born in Rockingham County, Virginia, January 7, 1854, and is a son of John H. and Delilah (Niswander) Beery.

The father of Mr. Beery was born in Virginia, August 20, 1831, came to Allen County and settled in German township. He died September 11, 1896, and is buried in Sugar Creek cemetery. He married Delilah Niswander, who was born near Edom, Rockingham County, Virginia, May 5, 1830, and died November 23, 1904. She was a daughter of Christian and Susan Niswander. Her last years were spent with her son, Newton C. The children of John H. and Delilah Beery were: Lydia E., born March 23, 1857; Isaac N., born August 10, 1860, who died December 2, 1863; Benjamin F., born November 2, 1863, who died January 5, 1864; and Newton C.

Newton C. Beery was reared and educated in Rockingham County, Virginia, where he remained until the spring of 1875, when he came to his present farm, on which his father settled. He has continued to reside here ever since and is considered one of the township's foremost agriculturists. On September 5, 1878, Elizabeth Herzog became our subject's wife. Mrs. Beery is a native of Pennsylvania, born February 20, 1858.





To Mr. Beery and wife have been born these children: George W., born near Lima, Ohio, September 20, 1879, who married Minnie Irvin December 25, 1901 and has two children—Irvin, born November 16, 1902, and Edith E., born January 18, 1904; Minerva, born July 5, 1881, who died August 23, 1881; Cora E., born July 15, 1885, who is a professional nurse; Isaac, born March 1, 1888; Ephraim, born July 24, 1890; and Lydia E., born May 12, 1893.

Mr. Beery is a prominent member of the Dunkard Church. He is a staunch Democrat, and in 1899 was elected trustee of German township. The duties of this office were performed with the integrity which marks the character of Mr. Berry, and makes him a man honored and esteemed by his neighbors.

**O**SCAR HOVER, one of the leading and influential men of Lima, vice-president of The Lima Trust Company and The Hall & Woods Company, operating the Model Mills, interested in many other enterprises, and for years closely identified with the oil developing in the Ohio and Indiana fields. He was born at Lima, April 19, 1850, and is a son of the late William Ulysses Hover.

The father of Mr. Hover came to Lima among the early settlers, locating here in 1833, when the present city of some 22,000 people was represented by only eight families. Migrating from Trumbull County, Ohio, he established a foundry and tin-shop at Lima, but subsequently engaged in farming and devoted the remainder of his life to agricultural pursuits. His death occurred in 1896.

J. Oscar Hover was educated in the public schools of Lima, and of Shawnee township, his entrance into business life being as a clerk in a merchantile establishment of his native city. After an experience of five years, he became associated with his brother, T. L. Hover, under the firm name of Hover Brothers, in a general mercantile business at Cridersville, Ohio, which was successfully continued for 25

years. In 1897 the brothers sold their business in order to give their attention to the oil interests in which they had commenced to invest in 1887. In that year they assumed the first leases in the vicinity of Cridersville, and to them is mainly due the development of the rich oil field of Auglaize County. Mr. Hover also became interested in the oil field in the neighborhood of Geneva, Indiana. At one time they operated 100 wells in Ohio and Indiana, and of that number still retain 50. In 1897 Mr. Hover removed to Lima, where he has a pleasant home and has ever since been connected with the city's business and civic life.

In 1878 Mr. Hover was married to Ella Brown, who is a daughter of the late Hon. D. I. Brown, formerly a prominent attorney and Democratic politician at Ottawa, Ohio. Mr. Brown served three terms in the State Legislature—first during the Civil War, and again from 1876 until 1880—and died in 1901. Mr. and Mrs. Hover have one daughter, Hazel. Mr. Hover is connected with several fraternal organizations, and is prominent in business and social societies.

**C**HARLES W. JOHNSTON, ex-mayor of Harrod, and at present a member of the Board of County Commissioners of Allen County, was born March 18, 1857, in Fairfield County, Ohio, and is a son of Samuel and Mary (Kelsey) Johnston. The Johnston family originally came from Scotland, while our subject's paternal grandmother was of German descent. His grandparents were among the pioneers of Fairfield County, which was the birthplace of his father and mother. In 1859 his parents moved from near Bremen, Fairfield County, to the farm of 80 acres in section 11, Auglaize township, Allen County, which the father had bought in the fall of 1858. They continued to live there until the spring of 1872, when they moved to Hardin County, having bought a tract of land near Kenton on which was located a sand and gravel bank, whose product was furnished the town of Ken-





ton in addition to the crops of the farm. Both father and mother resided on this farm during their remaining days, the father dying February 19, 1892, and the mother, July 18, 1894. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Kenton. Samuel Johnston enlisted in Company D, 180th Reg. Ohio Vol. Inf., at Lima, on September 22, 1864, and served until the close of the war. He was a strong Republican, and an ardent friend and admirer of U. S. Senator J. B. Foraker. Mrs. Johnston was a voluminous reader and brilliant conversationalist. Four children survive them, namely: Hattie A., whose husband, Professor Hufford, occupies a chair in the Ohio Northern University at Ada; Charles W.; Newton D., a prosperous farmer of Hardin County; and Edward C., who at present is in the hospital at Toledo, suffering from a severe attack of typhoid fever.

Coming to this county with his parents, at the age of two years, Charles W. Johnston may be claimed as a lifelong resident. When 15 years of age he accompanied his parents to Hardin County, and at 17 began teaching school. He continued in that profession until 1880, teaching in winter, and attending the Ohio Normal University at Ada, during the spring and fall terms. He pursued a full course in mathematics, which included surveying and civil engineering, and when he had almost completed the classical course became the agent of a school-book publishing house, continuing on the road for several years.

On January 1, 1888, Mr. Johnston moved to Harrod and the following fall resumed his old calling as a teacher, serving as superintendent of the Harrod schools for two or three years. He then accepted a position as traveling salesman with Seiberling, Miller & Company, manufacturers of harvesting machinery, and later represented The Deering Harvester Company, as an expert. Later he became general agent for Aultman, Miller & Company, having charge of their branch office at Fostoria, Ohio. He retired from the road in 1903.

Mr. Johnston has been a resident of Harrod about 18 years and fully 15 years of that time has seen him closely identified with municipal government, either as councilman or

mayor. Three times he has been elected to the mayoralty, from which he resigned before the expiration of his last term on account of his frequent enforced absences from the city. In 1890 he was elected justice of the peace, serving six years. So faithful and fearless has he been in discharging the trust confided to him that he was elected county commissioner in the fall of 1904, succeeding Albert Hefner, whom he defeated. This contest was a close one, as both men were exceptionally popular and each had a strong backing, resulting in the polling of one of the largest votes ever cast in the county—in fact, exceeding the number cast for Roosevelt and Parker at the same time, the Republicans winning the day. Mr. Johnston is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, for the past two years serving as venerable consul of Harrod Camp.

Mr. Johnston was married October 10, 1886, to Clara Groff, who is a native of Lancaster, Fairfield County, Ohio, and a daughter of Isaac Groff. They have two children—Pansy, born August 29, 1887, and Lily, born March 8, 1890.

**J**OHHN W. SCHNABEL, cabinet maker, who has been connected with the coach department of the C., H. & D. Railway Company, at Lima, since 1899, was born in this city in 1861, and is a son of John Schnabel.

The late John Schnabel was an old resident of Lima, coming to this city from Germany in 1854. He worked in a foundry for some time and then became an employee of King & Day, pork packers, with whom he remained for a long period. He married Magdalena Beck, who was also a native of Germany, and the two sons born to them were: Henry, who for 12 years was in charge of the shoe-making department in the Institute for the Feeble Minded at Fort Wayne, Indiana, and who died in December, 1905; and J. W., the subject of this sketch.

J. W. Schnabel was reared at Lima and attended school in the old West School Building. He first worked in a furniture factory, where he remained for 17 years. Then he ac-





JOHN B. AUGSBURGER





cepted a lucrative position in the coach department of the C., H. & D. Railway shops, assuming his duties in April, 1899, where, as a valued employee, he has remained for the past seven years. Mr. Schnabel owns his pleasant home at No. 314 West Wayne street, and is a substantial citizen.

In 1882 Mr. Schnabel was married to Maggie Walther, who is a daughter of George J. Walther, and they have three children, viz: Philip W., who is time-keeper at the Solar Refinery; Lena, a graduate of the Lima High School, who is in her second year as a teacher of the Spring Street School, Lima; and John Leonard, who is a member of the graduating class of 1906, at the Lima High School. The family belongs to the German Reformed Church, and Mr. Schnabel has been a member of the board of elders. He is one of the prominent Odd Fellows of this part of the State, and is past grand of the lodge and past chief patriarch of the Encampment, and on several occasions has attended the Grand Lodge of the United States. Mrs. Schnabel belongs to the auxiliary body, the Rebekahs.

**J**OHAN B. AUGSBURGER, one of the substantial farmers and representative citizens of Richland township, is a large land owner, residing on his well-improved homestead in section 10, several miles west of Bluffton, which embraces 80 acres of land; he also owns 135¾ acres in sections 3 and 4. He was born in a pioneer log cabin in Union township, Wayne County, Ohio, January 18, 1835, and is a son of John and Magdalena (Balmer) Augsburger.

John Augsburger was born in Neuensberg, Switzerland, where he was educated and lived until he was 35 years of age. At that time he married and he and his wife departed the following day for America. They took passage on a sailing vessel, which required three months to make the voyage, but were safely landed in the port of New York and made their way to Wayne County Ohio, where it is probable that other friends had already settled. They lived

for 12 years in Wayne County and then located in Allen County, where John Augsburger died, aged 65 years. The mother of our subject was also a native of Switzerland. She died a few years after coming to Allen County. The family consisted of five sons and two daughters, namely: Benjamin, who died in infancy; John B., of Richland township; Moses, of Richland township; Mrs. Elizabeth Amstutz, deceased; Alidia, widow of Mathias Badercher, of Richland township; Benjamin (2), of Riley township, Putnam County; and Aaron, of Bluffton.

John B. Augsburger can easily recall the journey from Wayne to Allen County, which took place in May, 1847, when he was 12 years of age. All the family possessions were taken along. The great white, covered wagon was drawn by two yoke of oxen, three cows followed peacefully behind, and even the family watch-dog was not forgotten. The long journey was mostly through the woods, and the route frequently led across streams and over tracks but poorly broken. When the family arrived at the place where the father had bought land, they found their only shelter was a log stable, and they were obliged to occupy this until a log house could be built, which was fortunately completed before the winter snows set in. The beloved mother died in the following year, and the father became so discouraged that he broke up housekeeping, sold the household effects, and for two years boarded his children with the neighbors. Mr. Augsburger subsequently recalled the children and once more a family home was established. Our subject remained there eight years and then worked in the neighborhood for a year and eight months. He learned to make shoes and for four winters before leaving home he busied himself at his trade, finding patrons in the neighborhood who were pleased with his work, his industry and his perseverance. When he was 21 years of age, one of his first purchases was an axe, with which he cleared timber land for other parties. He also learned the business of shingle making, which at that time was entirely hand work. That Mr. Augsburger became a very expert workman may be imagined when it is stated





that he, with a companion, made 70,000 shingles from a tree that grew where the Cratz Church now stands, the body of which was 70 feet high and seven feet in diameter. In the following fall he helped to cut timber to build the largest bank barn in this vicinity, which still stands and is 46 by 109 feet in dimensions.

During the following summer Mr. Augsburger worked until the latter part of August on this structure and then returned to Wayne County, where he was married September 3, 1857. He returned to Allen County, bringing his bride with him, and remained with his brother-in-law, C. U. Amstutz, until he had completed a comfortable hewed-log cabin on his present farm and in which the house-warming was held on December 24, 1857. During that winter he made 300 pounds of maple sugar and 60 gallons of maple molasses, and cleared 18 acres of his land. He continued the improvements of his property for 14 years and then built his first frame barn; previously he had built a log house, a log barn, horse stable, corn crib and wagon shed, all serving their purposes until he was prepared to make more modern improvements. In 1873, two years after building the barn, he erected his present convenient and attractive residence, and in 1876 he completed other substantial buildings on his place. In 1877 a convenient summer kitchen was built, adding greatly to the comfort of the inmates in hot weather; he completed his improvements by building, in 1880, a first-class workshop. Few mechanics have a better equipped shop than Mr. Augsburger, and it may be remarked, few know better the use of tools.

Mr. Augsburger has been generous in his support of the Swiss Mennonite Church. He gave an acre of land to the church and assisted in the construction of the present church as well as the one that preceded it. The school-house of District No. 2 stands on his homestead tract of 80 acres, opposite the church.

At one time Mr. Augsburger had the best orchard in the vicinity, but a severe storm in 1895 partially destroyed it. He has a fine system of ditching and drainage, and has thus, in a marked degree, increased the productiveness

of his land. He devotes his attention mainly to the growing of live-stock, and raises large crops of corn, wheat, hay and clover. He has a fine farm in which he takes a reasonable pride; for he has worked faithfully in its developing and literally brought it out of the woods.

On September 3, 1857, Mr. Augsburger was united in marriage with Barbara Neuenschwander, who was born in East Union township, Wayne County, Ohio, March 22, 1834, and died on the present farm of our subject, July 8, 1900. She was a daughter of Ulrich and Elizabeth (Basinger) Neuenschwander, who were born in Germany near the Switzerland line. The children of our subject and wife were: Elizabeth, who is the wife of Daniel Moser, of Riley township, Putnam County; Leah, who died in infancy; Daniel, who died aged eight years; John, who died aged seven years; Sarah, who died in infancy; Mary, the wife of Peter J. Moser, of Richland township; Lydia, the wife of David Burkholder, her husband operating Mr. Augsburger's second farm; Magdalena, the wife of Amos Neiswander, of Richland township; Barbara, who died aged eight years; Susan, the wife of Amos Thut of Richland township; and Lavina, the wife of M. S. Burkholder, who manages our subject's home farm.

Mr. Augsburger has been a staunch and lifelong Democrat, but has never accepted political office. He is a devoted member of the Mennonite Church and has assisted in the erection of three religious edifices, and has otherwise liberally contributed to the cause of religion. A portrait of Mr. Augsburger accompanies this sketch.

**I**SAIAH GARRETSON, timekeeper at the Lima Locomotive & Machine Works and formerly a well-known educator and business man, is also a survivor of the Civil War, in which he bore an honorable part. He was born June 7, 1843, in Perry township, Allen County, Ohio, and is a son of William Garretson. The father was born in Bedford County, Pennsylvania, in 1812, and came to Allen County in 1836, entering land from the government in





Perry township. This tract at a later period he traded for a farm in Shawnee township, on which he lived until his death in 1886.

Isaiah Garretson was reared on his father's farm, and his education was secured in the district schools in its vicinity. At the outbreak of the Rebellion, he was eager to enlist, but was induced to remain at home until he was 20 years of age, when, in 1863, he was mustered into the service, at Cleveland, as a member of Company G, 12th Reg., Ohio Vol. Cav. During his years of army service he had his full share of hardship and during his first battle, at Mount Sterling, Kentucky, was captured by the enemy. Fortunately for him, conditions in the Confederacy at that time were such as to preclude the transportation of large bodies of prisoners to any of their prison camps, and Mr. Garretson was paroled in less than a week. His regiment was stationed at Johnson's Island until the spring of 1864, and was then dispatched to Kentucky, subsequently making a creditable record in the campaigning through Kentucky, Virginia, the Carolinas, Georgia and Tennessee.

After his return from the army, Mr. Garretson engaged in farming and teaching until about 1888—from 1869 to 1873 in Missouri. Since 1888 he has been a continuous resident of Lima, where he engaged for a number of years in a large real estate business. Since closing out those interests he has been time-keeper for the Lima Locomotive & Machine Works.

In 1873 Mr. Garretson was united in marriage with Barbara A. Jenkins, who was born in Ohio and is a daughter of Reuben Jenkins. Her parents removed to Iowa, when she was a child of two years, and subsequently settled in Missouri, where she was reared and educated. Mr. and Mrs. Garretson have four children, viz: Laura, who is the wife of S. T. Garber, of Greenville, Ohio; Flora, cashier of the Western Ohio Railway Company; Lena, employed in the office of The Lima Locomotive & Machine Company; and Ora Earl, a student in the senior class of the Lima High School.

Mr. Garretson and family are members of the First Congregational Church at Lima, and

their attractive home is situated at No. 923 West High street. Mr. Garretson is a member of Mart Armstrong Post, No. 202, G. A. R., an organization which is held in very high regard in this city, its membership being composed of men who deserve the grateful consideration of their fellow-citizens.



FRED SNOOK, superintendent of the packing department of the Deisel-Wemmer Company, of Lima, is one of the capable and experienced men which this manufacturing concern has a reputation for selecting. Mr. Snook was born at Lima, July 3, 1866, and is a son of Fred and Rosa (Miller) Snook.

The parents of Mr. Snook were both born in Germany. Fred Snook, Sr., was one of the early residents of this county. For a period of 28 years he was a section foreman for the Pennsylvania Railroad, a man noted for his fidelity to duty and most highly respected by his employers. He was struck and killed by an engine on January 19, 1887, his wife still surviving him and residing in Lima.

The subject of this sketch was reared at Lima and enjoyed the advantages afforded by the city's excellent public schools. His first work was as an employee in a brick-yard, for one summer, and then commenced his connection with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, which was continued for a period of 11 years. After leaving railroad work, he entered the packing department of The Deisel-Wemmer Company, where his ability and faithfulness brought him such promotions that he finally became superintendent of the entire department. This proved a very important position, carrying with it the supervision of 58 employees and the proper packing of the firm's enormous output.

In September, 1890, Mr. Snook was married to Annie Wolf, who was born in Germany. They have three children—Bertha, Carl and Lester. Mr. Snook is a worthy member of the German Reformed Church.





**E**DWIN J. YOST, second foreman of the great Deisel-Wemmer cigar factory, at Lima, has been a resident of this city for a period of 15 years. He was born in Germany in 1873, and is a son of Philip Yost, whose entire life was spent in Germany.

At the age of 18 years Edwin J. Yost emigrated to America and located at Lima, where he was soon employed at the bench by The Deisel-Wemmer Company. As this corporation has a well-deserved reputation for rewarding faithfulness and ability among its employees, Mr. Yost gradually advanced until he became foreman over the cigarmakers in one of the largest cigar factories in the world. C. C. Hosselman is general superintendent, and Mr. Yost, his able assistant.

On August 3, 1895, Mr. Yost was united in marriage with Magdalena Decker, who was born in Germany and is a daughter of the late William Decker, who was also a native of the Fatherland. Mr. and Mrs. Yost have two children, Florence and Ruth. Both Mr. and Mrs. Yost are members of St. Rose Catholic Church, Lima.

**L**EWIS KREILING, of the firm of Kreiling & Bedford, proprietors of the Riverside Mills of Lima, was born in 1839 in Wayne County, Ohio, where he grew to manhood and acquired an education. His father was the late Henry Kreiling, for many years a wagon-maker of Marshallville, Wayne County.

Mr. Kreiling learned the trade of a plasterer and for many years followed that calling, abandoning it, after 30 years, to engage in farming and dairying in German township, Allen County. He engaged in these occupations for six years, then moved to Lima on the day which saw Benjamin Harrison elected to the presidency. He soon entered the Riverside Mills, and in 1901 formed his present partnership with Mr. Bedford. Messrs. Kreiling, Bedford and others also have four oil-

wells in active operation within the city limits of Lima.

Mr. Kreiling was married June 9, 1863, to Mary E. Berkhart, by whom he has three children, namely: Alice, wife of F. M. Mullenhour; Maud, wife of Benjamin Dennis; and Edward, a resident of Findlay, Ohio. Both daughters reside in Lima, where their husbands are engaged in business. Mr. Kreiling was formerly a Republican, but in more recent years has cast an independent vote. He is an active member of the Epworth Methodist Episcopal Church, and has held the office of treasurer ever since the present edifice was erected. He is also a member of the board of trustees.

**C**HARLES ADGATE HOVER, one of the prominent farmers and representative citizens of Shawnee township, resides on his valuable farm in section 14, which adjoins that of his father. Mr. Hover was born in the Shawnee Council House, on the home place, November 22, 1861, and is a son of David Ezekiel Hover and a member of one of the oldest settled families of the county.

Mr. Hover has been a resident of Shawnee township all his life and since his school days has been actively engaged in agricultural pursuits. He owns 67 acres in section 14, which farm he operates himself, also assisting in the operation of the homestead.

On February 29, 1888, Charles A. Hover, was married to Jennie McCoy, a daughter of Alexander H. and Margaret A. McCoy, of whom extended mention will be found elsewhere in this work. Mr. and Mrs. Hover have two children, viz: Myra Ethel, born August 30, 1892; and Harry Howard, born May 20, 1895.

Mr. and Mrs. Hover commenced house-keeping in an old log cabin which stood on the farm at that time, but in 1891 their present comfortable residence was built. All of the substantial improvements, to be seen here on every side, are the result of Mr. Hover's own industry—with the exception of the orchard,





which was set out by his father many years ago. In the patent to his farm of 67 acres, Mr. Hover possesses a very valuable and interesting document. It was given first to Griffith Breese, passed then into the Hover family, and bears the signature of Andrew Jackson, President of the United States in 1835.

Like his father, Mr. Hover is identified with the Republican party. He has taken little interest in politics, but his active participation in educational matters is evidenced by his present membership on the School Board. In religious faith he is a Methodist.

**J**AMES COCHRUN. Among the old families of this county which possesses a most interesting history—both on account of the prominence of its living representatives and its connection with the public affairs and personages of this section for almost a century—is that of Cochrun, the earliest record of which relates to the birth of Rev. Simon Cochrun, the great-grandfather of our subject, James Cochrun.

Rev. Simon Cochrun was a notable man in his day, having been a Revolutionary soldier and subsequently, for 47 years, an active minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was born in Montgomery County, Kentucky, about 1756, and died in this county January 9, 1845, aged 89 years, 11 months and 6 days. In all probability he came to Allen County very early in the '30's, being then a minister; as, in the old records, may be found the statement that he performed the marriage service for Elias Wright and Sarah Bowman early in 1835. Rev. Simon Cochrun had three sons: Thomas, born in Kentucky in 1800, who located on a farm in German township, in 1800; and Wesley and John, both of whom served in the War of 1812. In 1833 the first schoolhouse in the township was built on the Cochrun farm, with either Asa Wright or John Summerset as teacher. Church services were held in the home of John Cochrun by Rev. Krellum, the pioneer members being John Cochrun and wife Hester, James Hayes and

wife, a Mr. Ryan, a Mr. Jackson and Nancy Lippincott. Later Rev. Sullivan ministered in a church that was destroyed by fire, another being erected in the northeast corner of the township.

In 1832 Wesley Cochrun, the grandfather of James Cochrun, of Spencerville, located four miles north of Lima, where he entered land and improved a farm on which he lived until the close of his life, dying at the age of 85 years. He was an enthusiastic member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. His wife survived him some years, dying at the age of 88. Of their children, seven reached maturity, viz: John, Simon, William, Rebecca, Susan, Jane and Sarah. John located in Franklin County, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits; Simon, named for his grandfather, became the father of the Spencerville Cochruns; Rebecca is deceased; Susan, widow of A. G. Pague, lived and died on the old homestead; Jane married a Mr. West and they removed to Texas; and Sarah married a Mr. McGuire and resided at Ada, Ohio.

Simon Cochrun was born in Ohio in 1822, and died at his home in Amanda township, February 11, 1895. He was 10 years old when the family came to this county. He settled in Amanda township in 1855. While he engaged in various kinds of employment working for a time on the canal, then in course of construction, and following agriculture as suited his convenience—he was more fitted for a professional life, being a man of natural mental superiority. In the early days he taught a subscription school in the old log schoolhouse, being thus irregularly employed throughout the township until after his marriage.

When he reached mature years, Simon Cochrun married Lucinda Miller, a daughter of William Miller, who, with his wife Nancy, resided some two miles west of Cairo, where they reared a family well known throughout the county. Mrs. Cochrun survived her husband and later moved to Spencerville, where she died. The five children of this union were James; Lambert Y.; William and Elizabeth, both deceased; and Jasper L.

James Cochrun, the eldest son of Simon





and Lucinda Cochrun, was born in Amanda township in 1847. He was reared on the home farm, completed his education in the local schools, and, like his father, for some years combined farming and teaching. In the winter of 1865, after his return from military service in the previous August, he began his career as a teacher and continued thus employed through the four succeeding winters. He conducted a farm in section 10, Amanda township, in partnership with his younger brother, Jasper L. Cochrun, the firm making a specialty of stock-raising. After moving to Spencerville, in 1888, he continued to be interested in stock and still handles a large amount, being probably one of the best judges in that line in the county. From his dealings in live-stock was developed his butchering business, and for a number of years he conducted a fine meat-market at Spencerville, to which he later added an ice business. The latter increased to such proportions that he disposed of his meat business and devoted his attention to ice, coal, lime, sand and cement. He now controls the largest coal business in the place and is one of the town's representative business men as well as a leading citizen in other ways.

In political sentiment Mr. Cochrun has always been a Republican. He has twice been honored by the citizens of Spencerville by election to the mayoralty, and has served two terms as justice of the peace. His enlistment in February, 1865, for service in the Civil War, was for one year, but the close of hostilities brought about his honorable discharge in August of the same year. He was a member of the 191st Ohio Reg. Vol. Inf., under General Brooks and was mustered out of Company H., at Winchester, Virginia. His service had been in the Shenandoah Valley.

Mr. Cochrun was married (first) to Jennie Martin, who died in 1881, and they had two children, both of whom died in infancy. She was a daughter of Archelaus and Catherine (Russell) Martin, the latter of whom was a sister to Susanna Russell, who was the first white child born in Allen County, her birth occurring July 13, 1817, at Fort Amanda.

Archelaus Martin was born in Bourbon County, Kentucky, July 30, 1805, and removed in youth to Champaign County, Ohio, settling four miles east of Urbana. Subsequently he removed to Amanda township in what is now Allen County, and was the second teacher here, haying 15 pupils in 1829. He later returned to Champaign County, but permanently located in Allen County, in 1833 marrying Catherine Russell, daughter of Andrew Russell, and settling in section 10, Amanda township. He was a justice of the peace for three terms.

In 1840, after Mr. Martin's death, his widow married Hon. Charles C. Marshall. She died at Delphos, in 1871. Mr. Marshall was born in Shelby County, Ohio, in 1814, was elected to the Ohio Legislature, in 1857, and to the State Senate in 1861. In 1865 he removed to Delphos, where he served as justice of the peace, and later as mayor, being in official life for a period of 10 years.

Andrew Russell was one of the founders of Fort Amanda. With his family he occupied the block-house in the southeast corner of the fort and here his daughter Susanna was born. He died in 1822, and was buried near the fort.

In 1887 Mr. Cochrun was married (second), in Amanda township, to Minnie Hover, who is a daughter of Cyrus and Martha (Post) Hover—the former of whom is deceased, while the latter resides in Lima, with her daughter, Mrs. Hitchcock. The Hover family is very numerous in Allen County and holds yearly reunions, the last one being held at old Fort Amanda. Cyrus Hover, father of Mrs. Cochrun, was an early settler of this county, locating at Lima, with his parents, in 1833. In 1846 he engaged in a foundry business, removing it to Delphos in 1850. In 1863 he purchased a farm of wild land in Amanda township, which he improved, but later removed to Spencerville and retired from active labors. On August 4, 1847, he married Martha Post, a daughter of C. C. and Elizabeth (Bryant) Post. She was born in Knox County, Ohio, August 7, 1827. Of their 11 children, Mrs. Cochran is the eighth. Mr.







MR. AND MRS. THEODORE A. HANDEL





and Mrs. Cochrun have no family. They reside in the old Cyrus Hover home, on the Lima turnpike, where they enjoy the comforts of a beautiful modern residence. They are members of the Baptist Church. Mr. Cochrun is identified with the Knights of Pythias.

**T**HEODORE A. HANDEL, a pioneer of Marion township, was born in Granville, Ohio, May 1, 1834, and died May 28, 1904, having just passed his 70th birthday. He was a son of Nicholas and Myla (Hays) Handel.

John Handel, the paternal grandfather, was the founder of the family in America. For generations the family occupation had been milling, and as a young man in his native land John Handel was employed as a traveling grain buyer. While on one of his purchasing trips, he was accompanied by four assistants and the entire party were seized by the military authorities, being impressed into the service of King George III, of England, who was then engaged in his struggle with the American Colonies.

On the arrival of the vessel at Boston harbor, John Handel and his companions evaded the vigilance of their captors, escaped to an American vessel by swimming, and enlisted with the patriot forces. Grandfather Handel proved a valiant defender of American liberty and fought throughout the Revolutionary War. After the close of the struggle, he settled in Baltimore and engaged in milling. He married there and then moved to a point on the Shenandoah River, Virginia, about 20 miles above Harper's Ferry. There his first child, Nicholas Handel, was born, and the only other record is of the birth of a daughter, Elizabeth. John Handel probably died in the locality mentioned aged about 80 years. It is a family belief that the great musical composer Handel, was of the same original stock as John Handel.

Nicholas Handel, father of our subject, adopted the family calling, and in early days he also dealt in grain and other products all along the Potomac River, as far as Alexandria. He enlisted as a soldier in the War of 1812, when

a youth of 18 years. The date of his coming to Ohio has not been recorded, but it is known that for 40 years he was chief miller in the Fassett mills, on Raccoon Creek, near Granville, Licking County, where he was a grain contractor and a large shipper of flour.

Nicholas Handel married Myla Hays, who was a daughter of Alanson and Rhoda (Slater) Hays, both of English descent, but natives of New York. The Hays family consisted of seven children, the mother of our subject being the fifth in order of birth. Her father came to Allen County in 1848. The latter part of the life of Nicholas Handel was spent at the home of his son, Theodore A., but just prior to his death he returned to Granville, Ohio, and there passed away at the age of 86 years. For a long period he was a worthy member of the Baptist Church.

Theodore A. Handel attended the common schools at Granville, Ohio, until he was 10 years old, when he came to Allen County. From the age of 14 until he was 21, he worked on the farm of his uncle, Ormond Kephart, in section 4, Amanda township. At the age of 23 he married and settled on a farm of 40 acres in that township, which property proved the nucleus of a property that afterward was increased to 200 acres. He continued to farm until 1861, when he loyally offered his services to his country. At the close of the war he resumed agricultural pursuits in Allen County, continuing to reside on his farm until the time of his death and to increase its value through many substantial improvements.

When Mr. and Mrs. Handel settled on the present farm it was almost a wilderness, very little of the land having then been cleared, and their first home was a small, windowless log cabin. Mr. Handel used his original capital of \$500 to such good advantage that at the close of his life he was one of the most substantial men of his township. During his early days he dug ditches, chopped wood, split rails, and was always one of the foremost not only to improve the roads, but to promote education and religion.

On August 8, 1861, Mr. Handel enlisted for three years in Company I, 34th Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf., and served until he was honorably





discharged at Columbus, Ohio, in September, 1864. He took part in 35 regular engagements and many skirmishes, chiefly in Virginia and West Virginia, a partial enumeration being: Chapmansville Gap, Fayetteville, Louisburg, Trenton, Fayetteville (2), Charleston, Red House, Mud Bridge, Cloyd Mountain, Greenbrier, James River, Lynchburg, Staunton, Paw Paw Station, Stone Spring House, the Shenandoah Valley campaign, including Winchester; Martinsville, the two battles of Fredericksburg, Monocacy Junction, Charlestown and Cedar Creek, the closing battle being a fiercely contested engagement in the vicinity of Winchester. Mr. Handel was wounded in his first battle while humanely supporting an injured comrade. The shot was in his ankle, and he was the second unfortunate in the company. In spite of his painful wound, he refused to leave the battle-field and did not even enter a hospital. He was promoted to the rank of corporal, for more than two years performed the duties of a deputy sergeant, and at all times was a reliable, loyal and courageous soldier.

On April 5, 1857, Mr. Handel was married to Angelina Harris who was born October 13, 1836, at Lockland, Hamilton County, Ohio. She is a daughter of Calvin Harris, who was born at Olean, New York, a son of Samuel Harris, of English descent. Calvin learned the trade of a wagon-maker, his father being a boat-builder. His parents settled in Hamilton County, Ohio, when he was six years old. At the age of 24 he married Edith Dunn, a daughter of Beracha and Mary (German) Dunn. In 1847 Mr. Harris sold his shop at Lockland and bought and operated a boat on the Miami and Erie Canal, subsequently trading the latter for 120 acres of partly cleared land in section 20, Amanda township, this county. His son now resides on the place. Mr. Harris was township trustee, township clerk and filled other public offices. He was a deacon in the Baptist Church and for many years a trustee. The four survivors of his nine children are: Mary Angelina, widow of our subject; Roscoe B., living on the old home farm; Florence B., wife of David Ditto, of Marion township; and Clarence Blake, residing on the

Harris homestead. The mother of these children died December 9, 1881, aged 68 years, 9 months and 16 days. The father died on the farm on January 28, 1892, aged 81 years, 8 months and 28 days.

Mr. and Mrs. Handel had no children of their own. They reared and educated four other children, and one of these, Ernest Handel, has proven a son indeed to those who took pity on his helpless infancy. During the long sickness which preceded the death of Mr. Handel this adopted son's filial devotion was so genuine that no child of the blood could have been kinder or more helpful and loving. He was deeded 45 acres of land, lying opposite the old homestead. He married Lydia Heisler, who died in April, 1905. They had these children: Myrtle Angelina and Burton Alfred (twins); Gladys Gail, Bessie Nelore, and John. Myrtle Angelina, one of the twins, born in 1884, is the wife of E. Humphreys and resides with Mrs. Handel, who adopted her when she was four weeks old.

Mrs. Handel lives just north of her father's old home, the farms adjoining. She has 120 acres in section 17, Marion township, and rents the farm to her adopted grandson. Her residence is beautifully situated in a grove. The property will finally revert to Mrs. Humphreys.

Mr. Handel was baptized in the Marion Baptist Church, on November 17, 1867, having been converted in the preceding October by Rev. D. D. Spencer, assisted by Father Bryant. At the time of his death he was the oldest member of this church, a position now filled by his venerable wife. He was deacon and trustee for several years. Mrs. Handel comes of a long line of Baptists. She was converted in the winter of 1854, was baptized by Elder Freyer and first united with the Amanda Baptist Church. Although for the past seven years Mrs. Handel has been an invalid from rheumatism, she has always found time to devote to religious and charitable work.

For a number of years Mr. and Mrs. Handel were members of the Patrons of Husbandry, and he served as overseer and lecturer of his grange. He also was a member of Reul Post, No. 95, G. A. R. of Delphos. Portraits of Mr. and Mrs. Handel accompany this sketch.





**G**EORGE M. McCULLOUGH, proprietor of McCullough Lake and Park, the finest summer resort in the vicinity of Lima, belongs to one of the old families of the county. He was born at Lima, October 9, 1856, and is a son of Hon. M. H. and Sarah J. (McKibben) McCullough.

Hon. M. H. McCullough, who died at Lima in 1901, was born in Washington County, Pennsylvania, in 1818. In 1835 he migrated to Ohio and settled at Lima, where he became a man of wealth and influence, an extensive farmer and a leading dealer in real estate. He was prominent in public life, served in the Ohio Legislature, and stanchly supported the Democratic party. For a number of years he was an elder in the First Presbyterian Church. He married Sarah J. McKibben, a daughter of John McKibben, a pioneer of 1835, who located on the farm which is now the site of McCullough Lake and Park. In 1893, the Senior McCullough presented this property to our subject and his one brother, J. C. McCullough, of Texas, who is connected with the Texas Oil Company. In 1898 George M. McCullough purchased his brother's interest and has been sole proprietor of the beautiful resort.

McCullough Lake and Park cover 44 acres, 26 acres of which is water, the lake furnishing the water used by the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railway Company at Lima. In 1903, after having already made many improvements on the property, Mr. McCullough erected a fine auditorium, with a seating capacity for 2,000 people, the resort being equipped with bath houses, pleasure boats and every modern convenience demanded by visitors. In winter the lake affords fine skating and in summer, excellent fishing, its waters abounding in black bass. The new auditorium has been fitted with a stage, 30 by 40 feet in size, and entertainments of an interesting character are frequently presented. During the season it is largely patronized by those who thus find, near at home, better accommodations and attractions than can be obtained at a distance.

George W. McCullough was educated in the schools of Lima and the Iron City Commercial College of Pittsburg, from which he was graduated in 1882. He then entered into a mercantile business on East Market street, Lima, which he conducted until 1898. Since then his attention has mainly been given to his present enterprise.

In 1886 Mr. McCullough was married to Ella E. Kelly, who is a daughter of H. B. Kelly, editor of the Allen County *Democrat*. Mr. McCullough has been active in civic life, and at one time served as a member of the City Council.

**J**OSEPH WOOLEY, a substantial business man of Lima, and an extensive dealer of walnut lumber, was born in Miami County, Ohio, October 12, 1845. His father was W. L. Wooley, who, during the childhood of our subject, moved to Shelby County, this State, and there was engaged in farming until his death.

Joseph Wooley was reared and received his education in Shelby County and was a farmer there until he was about 32 years of age, when he embarked in the sawmill business. This he continued until 1885, when he located in Van Wert, Ohio, and opened a mill for the manufacture of sporting goods. While thus engaged he was led to realize the difficulty experienced in obtaining the raw material, and in 1901 came to Lima to establish a sawmill for the purpose of better supplying this demand. He thus handles walnut lumber and sporting goods exclusively, and sells to manufacturers of golf clubs, ball bats, tennis racquets, etc. He has been supplying stock for the manufacture of the "League" bats to A. G. Spalding & Brothers, of Chicago, who have recently placed an order with him for 30 carloads of timber to be used in this line. Mr. Wooley's stock now sells so readily that he not only disposes of the output of his own mill, but the product of four other establishments as well.

Mr. Wooley was married, in 1876, to Laura E. Monroe, who is a native of Shelby





County. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., and a man whose energy and enterprise have placed him among the leading business men of this section.

**J**AMES ALEXANDER, an influential citizen of Allentown, this county, was born December 31, 1842, in German township, Allen County, Ohio, about one mile from his present home. He is a son of Adam and Elizabeth (Howsel) Alexander and a grandson of James Alexander, who came here from Pennsylvania about 1838.

James Alexander, subject of this sketch, was reared to manhood in German township, where he enlisted in the 118th Regiment, Ohio Vol. Inf., and served during the Civil War. He was a farmer and upon returning home resumed his old-time occupation. He owns a fine farm in section 32, German township and the home residence in Allentown.

Among the near neighbors of the Alexanders was the family of John and Nancy (Dougherty) Cremean, who had also located in the county at an early day. The children of the two families played together, attended the same school and grew up together, and, on December 24, 1865, a still stronger bond was formed in the union of James Alexander and Lydia Cremean. Six children were born to them, namely: William, born October 7, 1866, who married Annie Coon, resides in Lima, and was the father of one child, who died in infancy; Elizabeth, born March 20, 1868, who married Richard Smith and is the mother of six children—Terry Palmer, Violet Chloe, Lela, Belbe, James Berlin and one who died in infancy; Elizabeth, who resided in Van Wert County, where she died May 30, 1905; Charles, born January 7, 1870, who married May Snyder, of Albany, Indiana, and has one child, Beatrice—he resides in Bloomdale, Wood County, Ohio, where he is engaged in the ministerial work of the United Brethren Church; Oras Albertus, born March 12, 1874, who died January 26, 1881; Emma, born April 12, 1876, who married John Bow-

ersox and is the mother of two children—Irene and James Cecil; and Harley, born April 12, 1884, who married Jesse Long and is the father of one child, James Wayne. Mr. Alexander is a member of the United Brethren Church of Allentown, and a man of integrity and sterling worth.

**T.** AGERTER, secretary and treasurer of The Lima Locomotive & Machine Company, whose works are among the largest industrial plants of this city, was born in Wyandot County, Ohio, October 16, 1859, and is a son of John Agerter, formerly a well-known civil engineer who now lives retired at Upper Sandusky.

Mr. Agerter was reared and educated at Upper Sandusky, and later completed a commercial course at the Poughkeepsie (New York) Business College, after which he entered the employ of F. B. Hedges & Company, at Pittsburg, as bookkeeper. On January 1, 1881, he assumed a similar position with The Lima Machine Works. In 1884, on the death of his uncle, Frederick Agerter, he became secretary and treasurer of the Lima Machine Works, and continued in the same capacity after the reorganization of the business and the forming of The Lima Locomotive & Machine Company. He has other business connections, being proprietor of The Dairy Implement Company. He is also interested in the "Glen Oak Stock Farm," situated 10 miles west of Lima on the Auglaize River. He owns much valuable live stock, all of high grade and much of it registered.

Mr. Agerter married Carlotta Disman, a daughter of George W. Disman, one of the proprietors of the Lima Machine Works, who died in 1900. Mr. and Mrs. Agerter have two children—Rose E. and W. T., Jr., both of whom are attending school at Lima.

For eight years Mr. Agerter was a member of the Lima Board of Education and is one of the most useful members of the Lima Progressive Association.



Politically Mr. Agerter is a Democrat. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church. Fraternally he is a Knight of Pythias, an organization which, in Lima, numbers the majority of the business men. Socially, Mr. Agerter belongs to the Lima Club and the Shawnee Country Clubs.

**G**MORY H. DORSEY, one of Lima's hustlers, was born in Carroll County, Maryland, in the year 1868, being a son of A. C. Dorsey, who was a painter by trade. In the year 1871, when three years of age, he came with his parents to Lima, which city has since been his home.

He began his active business career in 1889 at the age of 18 years as a clerk in the grocery of Watson & Company. Later he opened a store himself, engaging in the flour and feed business with a very limited capital, which business he conducted with very good success. In the year 1900 he added a complete line of staple groceries, since which time he has prospered beyond his expectations. He is regarded as one of the leading business men of Lima.

In 1899 Mr. Dorsey erected the Dorsey Block, a beautiful two-story structure at Nos. 206-208 South Main street, in which the lower floor is divided into two fine business rooms, while the upper floor is arranged in two elegant flats. This building he recently sold and then purchased the Judge Collett property at No. 218 South Main street, and is at the present time preparing to erect a three-story structure upon the lot with ground dimensions of 52 by 100 feet. The lower floor is to be divided into two business rooms, while the second and third floors are to be fitted up into up-to-date flats. He also owns other very valuable real estate in Lima, among which is a very modern and comfortable home at No. 742 West Spring street, in which the family reside.

In 1888 Mr. Dorsey was married to Ella Anspach and to them have been born three

children: Two sons—Earl C. and Karl J., aged 16 and 11 years respectively—and one daughter—Gail, aged nine years. All the children are attending school. Mr. Dorsey belongs to that class of citizens whose push and energy have so materially assisted in the development of the city, and in bringing about its present prosperity.

**C**ASSIUS M. JOLLEY, one of Lima's most esteemed residents and older business men and also an honored veteran of the Civil War, was born in Marion County, Ohio, in 1844, and is a son of Elisha and Achsa (Davis) Jolley.

Elisha Jolley was a pioneer at Lima, coming here first from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, in 1833. He remained but a short time, locating then in Marion County, but in 1845 he returned to Lima and engaged in a merchant tailoring business during the remainder of his active life. His wife was born in Ohio.

Cassius M. Jolley was only one year old when his parents came to Lima, and this city has been his settled home ever since, his absence from it being only during the years in which he was at the front as a soldier of the Civil War. He was one of the earliest to enlist after the first call for troops; during this term of three months he suffered so severe an injury to his foot that he was obliged to return home. About two years passed before the member was sufficiently strong to enable him to again return to the ranks. In 1864 he was a second time accepted and became identified with Company F, 32nd Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf., being mustered into the service at Columbus.

The 32nd Ohio immediately joined Sherman's army in the historic campaign from Chattanooga to Atlanta, taking part in the siege of the latter city. Mr. Jolley witnessed the mortal wounding of the brave and beloved General McPherson, and, as the regiment was under almost daily fire, saw many of his comrades fall. He was engaged with his company in the battles at Jonesboro and Bentonville, and





participated in the Grand Review at Washington. He was mustered out at Louisville, Kentucky, July 5, 1865.

Upon his return to Lima, Mr. Jolley immediately entered into business. For the first 12 years he engaged in making boots and shoes, then was interested in a grocery, and later in the manufacture of nitro-glycerine and in shooting oil-wells. For about 15 years he engaged in the manufacture, handling and use of that explosive without any accidents, but since October, 1904, he has carried on a safer business. He is now engaged in the cigar, tobacco and periodical business, with his son, Erle E., under the firm name of Jolley & Jolley, having excellent quarters in the Lima House Block, on East Market street. He is one of the substantial business men of the city, and owns some valuable property, including five acres of land, situated in German township, adjacent to the city.

Mr. Jolley was married, in 1873, to Grace Weiler, who is a daughter of William and Ann E. (Filson) Weiler, both natives of Pennsylvania. Formerly Mr. Weiler was a farmer in Wayne County, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Jolley have five children, namely: James L., connected with the Michael Clothing & Shoe Company, at Lima; Erle E., of the firm of Jolley & Jolley; Ralph C., engaged in a milk business at Lima; Lena Dot, wife of Bert Wilson, of the L. E. & W. Railroad shops; and Iva, living at home. Mr. Jolley and family belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is an active member of Mart Armstrong Post, No. 202, G. A. R.

**W. PAGE**, assistant superintendent of the South Lima Division of The Buckeye Pipe Line Company, is a native of Nova Scotia. He is a son of James M. Page, who was engaged in handling monuments for many years, but is now retired from business and residing at Rothesay, New Brunswick. Mr. Page was educated in Nova Scotia, taking an academic course and then locating in Boston, Massachusetts, where he conducted a

drug-store for about five years. From 1890 to 1895 he was engaged in the same business in Brooklyn, and then accepted a place on the construction gang of the Eureka Pipe Line Company, which was stationed at Sistersville, West Virginia. He was made assistant foreman of the company and sent to Marietta, Ohio, later going to Kentucky as foreman of the Cumberland Pipe Line Company. For a time he was located at Van Buren, Indiana, as foreman of the Indiana Pipe Line Company, and thence came to Lima, on July 1, 1905, as assistant superintendent.

Mr. Page was married, in 1896, to Zaidee Fullerton, of Montclair, New Jersey, a lady of many pleasing qualities. They have four children, namely: Florence Virginia, Lawson Fullerton, Elvena and Daniel. Mr. and Mrs. Page are prominent and popular members of the First Baptist Church of Lima. Mr. Page was made an Elk in the Marietta lodge, and still retains his membership in that body.



**C. RICKETTS**, locomotive engineer on the Lake Erie & Western Railroad, with a passenger run between Lima and Tipton (Indiana); is one of the well-known and valued citizens of the former place, whose residence here covers a period of 25 years. He is also an honored survivor of the Civil War. Mr. Ricketts was born near Morrow, Warren County, Ohio, in 1843, and is a son of Zadock Ricketts.

The Ricketts family is one of age and distinction in old Virginia, and there the father of Mr. Ricketts was born in 1803, at Fairfax Court House, Culpeper County. He came to Ohio about 1830 and settled in Warren County, where he became a man of substance and a leading agriculturist.

M. C. Ricketts attended school in Warren County until he was 15 years of age, and then assisted on the homestead for two years longer. At the age of 18 years he enlisted for service in the Civil War, joining Company A, 35th Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf., entering the service at





Hamilton, Ohio, and being mustered out at Chattanooga, Tennessee. The years intervening were filled with the hardships which attend a soldier's life, and that his service was one of constant activity and danger may be inferred by recalling the battles in which he participated. The list includes: Perryville, Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge, Resaca, Buzzard's Roost, Corinth, Chickamauga, Kennesaw Mountain, Peach Tree Creek, the fall of Atlanta and the "March to the Sea."

Upon his return from the army, Mr. Ricketts resumed work on the home farm until January 19, 1872, when he began railroading. For four years he served as fireman and for one year as engineer, on the Cincinnati & Muskingum Valley Railroad, and then became an engineer on the Cincinnati Southern Railroad. In 1881 he located at Lima, becoming connected with the Lake Erie & Western Railroad, of which he is a trustworthy passenger engineer running between Lima and Tipton, Indiana.

On October 26, 1871, Mr. Ricketts was married to Cynthia Brant, who died October 10, 1899, leaving one son, F. B., who is employed in the drug-store of Harold Cunningham in Lima. Mr. Ricketts was married on August 28, 1903, to Jennie R. Conrath, who is a daughter of Israel Conrath, of Lima. Mr. Conrath was born in Indiana County, Pennsylvania, where he married Elizabeth Lydict. Mr. Conrath is now 80 years of age, while his wife is 76; they have long been residents of Ohio.

In political sentiment, Mr. Ricketts is a Republican. He cast his first presidential vote on the occasion of the second election of Abraham Lincoln, and has consistently supported the party candidates and measures ever since. He is a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and of the Masonic and Odd Fellow fraternities. In religious views he is a Methodist, while Mrs. Ricketts is a member of the Christian Church. The pleasant family home is located at No. 514 South Pine street, Lima.



MADISON L. BOWYER, a venerable and esteemed farmer of German township, has been a resident of Allen County for almost three-quarters of a century. An only child of Isaac and Elizabeth (McMullen) Bowyer, he was born in Monroe County, Virginia, January 12, 1826. His father was a son of Adam Bowyer and was born in Monroe County, Virginia, in 1802. The mother was born in Bedford County, Virginia, and was a daughter of Matthew McMullen. When our subject was a child of four years, his parents decided to try their fortunes on the broad and fertile prairie lands of Illinois, the new territory which was alluring so many settlers to the then far West. Accordingly all their household goods and farming implements were loaded into wagons and the journey begun. It was a tedious trip, through an almost trackless forest with the houses of the settlers sometimes miles apart, but as no quicker mode of transportation was then known in the section of country traversed the travelers doubtless thought they were completing their journey in very good time. Winter found them still on the road and, as the weather was severe, it was thought best to stop over until spring. The halting place was in Ross County, Ohio, where the winter of 1830 was spent. When they resumed their journey the following year, they came only so far as what is now Allen County, settling on a farm near Elida. This property is still owned by our subject and was the home of the family for over 60 years.

Madison L. Bowyer has been twice married, his first wife being Elizabeth Priddy, a native of Ohio and daughter of William Priddy. They had the following children: Josephine, who married James Leech of Lima and has two sons, Guy and Dale, both of whom are married, the former having four children, of whom one is dead; Martha Jane, who married Anderson Llewellyn; Clara Lindi, wife of Lon Bower, of Lima and the mother of four children, three of whom are living; Amanda Ellen, wife of Albert Busha, of Cleveland; Isaac; John; Charles; Mary; Annie Eliza; and Georgia, the three last named having passed





to the higher life. About 28 years ago Mr. Bowyer was married to his present wife who was then Delia Strayer, daughter of Daniel Strayer, of Fairfield County, Ohio. The one child born to this union was with them here but a brief space, before it was taken to the home above. Mr. Bowyer has been a hard-working, industrious man and has richly earned the prosperity which has attended him and enables him and his estimable wife to spend their declining years in ease amid the scores of warm friends by whom they are surrounded. Mr. Bowyer is a Republican and for a number of years was a school director in German township, an office he accepted on account of his deep interest in all educational matters. He is a consistent member of Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, of Lima, and a man of the strictest integrity.

**L**EVY BALSBAUGH, superintendent of the boiler department of the Lima Locomotive and Machine Works, the largest manufacturing plant at Lima, efficiently fills a very responsible position. He was born at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and is a son of Henry Balsbaugh, also of that city.

Mr. Balsbaugh was reared and educated in his native city. When a lad he began to take an interest in machinery, with the result that when he was only 20 years old he had so thoroughly mastered the boiler-makers trade that he was sent to Roanoke, Virginia, to take the position of assistant foreman of the Norfolk & Western Railway shops. This position he filled for five years, learning every practical detail in connection with the complicated machinery used in the great plant. From this responsible position in Roanoke, he entered the Richmond, Virginia, Locomotive Works as a journeyman worker, and served in every capacity until he became foreman, remaining with that company for 10 years. His next place of employment was with the Baldwin Locomotive Works, at Philadelphia, which are the largest in the United States, and he re-

mained there for five years as assistant foreman. With this record behind him he came to Lima, in 1903, to become superintendent of the boiler department of the Lima Locomotive & Machine Works. He is a skilled artisan and a man thoroughly competent to also exercise executive authority.

In 1887 Mr. Balsbaugh was married to Rosa Hoover, who is a daughter of Alexander Hoover, of Wytheville, Virginia.

Mr. Balsbaugh has associated himself with the Young Men's Christian Association since coming to Lima and has won the esteem and friendship of those with whom he has come in contact. He belongs also to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows (both the subordinate lodge and the encampment). He is largely a self-made man and the success he has won has been secured through his own efforts, persistently and intelligently directed.

**H**OWARD L. KAY, one of the progressive young business men of Spencer-ville, conducts a large real estate, loan and investment business, with office on Broadway. Mr. Kay was born at Watseka, Iroquois County, Illinois, and is a son of James W. and Adeline (Ellingwood) Kay.

The father of Mr. Kay was born in Illinois and the mother in Indiana. They were pioneer in Iroquois County, where they became prosperous farmers, and there the father still lives, advanced in years. The mother died February 19, 1889. Their children were: Wendell P., who is master in chancery at Watseka, Illinois; Howard L.; Wilbur Jones, late of the Chicago University, who now fills the chair of public speaking, in the faculty of Washington and Jefferson College, Washington, Pennsylvania; and Miriam Ruth, who married Ralph Fraser Paine and resides near Paines, Michigan.

Howard L. Kay completed the primary school course in his native locality and continued his studies in Grand Prairie Seminary at Onarga, Illinois, where he was subsequently





graduated. He then entered Northwestern University at Evanston, Illinois, as a member of the class of 1897. In addition to being an excellent man of business, Mr. Kay, from childhood, has possessed musical talent. This talent has been cultivated and he is an accomplished musician. His fine tenor voice has been carefully trained under celebrated vocal teachers, both in New York and Chicago. He has entire charge of the choir of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Spencerville, and the music rendered in the services of this church would reflect credit upon a musical organization of a much larger place.

Howard L. Kay was united in marriage with Bessie Bice, who is a daughter of William and Tabitha (Sunderland) Bice. They have two children, viz: Webster Bice and James Philip. Mrs. Kay, like her husband, is a talented and accomplished musician. She has had musical instruction from many of the noted teachers of the country, and her beautiful, sweet, clear soprano voice assists in making the music rendered by the Spencerville church choir especially enjoyable. She belongs to one of the old and honorable families of substance in this part of Ohio, one which has been connected with its material development for many years.

WILLIAM BICE, father of Mrs. Kay, was born at Salem, Columbiana County, Ohio, March 18, 1824, and died on his homestead, in Allen County, just out of Spencerville, on February 8, 1900. He was first married on January 20, 1847, to Anna Sunderland, and there were two children born to them, viz: Francis and Orlando. The latter married Lucretia Courtshire, who was reared by Leonidas Post, another of the old settlers of the western section of Allen County. On December 11, 1856, William Bice was married to his second wife, Tabitha Sunderland, who was born September 1, 1836, and is a daughter of Dye and Mary (Berryman) Sunderland. The Sunderlands were the fourth white family to settle in Allen County. They had 12 children, of whom one died in infancy, and another at the age of three years; the remaining 10 all reached maturity and reared families of their

own. Mrs. Bice and her sister, Mrs. Mary Jane Mars, now past 88 years of age, a resident of Decatur, Illinois, are the only survivors.

The children of William Bice born to his second union were nine in number; the survivors being as follows: Amarilla, who is the wife of R. T. Sutton; Anna M., who is the wife of S. W. Kemp, of Spencerville; William Adolph, who married Effa Gallant; Mercy Naomi, who is the wife of B. G. Hover, of Lima; Andrew W., M. D., who was coroner of Allen County from 1902 to 1905; and Bessie, who is the wife of Howard L. Kay.

The late William Bice was reared among the Quakers at Salem, Columbiana County, and all his life lived according to their upright teachings. After his second marriage, he settled on the homestead now occupied by his widow, which is situated just south of Spencerville. At present Mrs. Bice's son-in-law, Mr. Kay, has the historic old farm under lease. An old Indian burying ground once occupied a part of it, and Dr. Andrew W. Bice has taken a great interest in making a collection of relics of the days of the aborigines found here. Mr. Kay has recently stocked the old farm with a fine assortment of sheep and hogs, and the management has been entrusted to an experienced farmer and stock-raiser.

Mrs. Bice belongs to one of the oldest families in the county, as mentioned above, and her recollections of the days of her girlhood and early married years are most entertaining and instructive. It scarcely seems possible, in conversing with this animated, intelligent and well-preserved lady, to believe that she lived in the days when the Indians still wandered in numbers over all this country and sat at her father's hearthstone, receiving his bounty. She recalls only their friendliness and their willingness to barter fur for food. In the days of which Mrs. Bice tells, it was not considered a very great hardship to live in a log cabin with earthen floor and with home-made quilts hung at the open door for protection.

Mr. Bice kept on accumulating land until he owned 530 acres. Subsequently he gave





his children all but 225 acres, retaining this in the home stead farm, which is now a property of large value. Mrs. Bice recalls well the old walnut canoe which was used in early days to cross the Auglaize River. She was carefully reared by an excellent mother who taught her all the housewifely arts of those days. Her mother was a famous weaver and she taught her daughter to spin and weave and also to dye the coverlets, such as are now occasionally found in the possession of old families and are preserved as treasures. The old Bice homestead has many of these wonderful examples of industry and taste.

At school Mrs. Bice stood as one of the best spellers, that being quite a distinction in her day. She was also an expert horsewoman and relates that upon one occasion, being invited to attend the wedding of Lenora Pupinore with Thomas Leach, she started on horseback, with a party consisting of six couples. Upon reaching the home of the bride there being no gates, she jumped the bars and as she was the first on the scene had the honor of receiving the first taste of the "wedding bottle," a feature of these occasions. General Blackburn was present at this wedding.

Looking at the life lived in the early days of Mrs. Bice, it seems to modern views to have been one filled with toil, hardship and privation; but it was not so regarded by many of those who still survive; for they undoubtedly possessed a will and courage equal to the emergencies they met and successfully overcame, and a practical habit of thought that converted their necessary industry and frugality into pleasure. The old orchard standing on the homestead was partly set out by Indians who thus assisted Mr. Bice, with whom they were always on friendly terms. Under an old locust tree still standing in the orchard is the old horse mill where Mr. Bice converted bushels of apples into sweet, wholesome cider. It gave the family refreshments during the long winter evenings; Mrs. Bice also boiled it down for cooking purposes, making in one year 60 gallons of the real old-fashioned apple-butter, which she disposed of in Delphos, realizing the sum of \$300 for her work.



H. WOOLEVY, senior member of the firm of Woolevy & Ramseyer, proprietors of the City Book Store, the oldest institution of its kind in Lima, was born in 1854 at Selma, Alabama, where he lived until after the close of the Civil War, when his parents moved to Miami County, Ohio.

Mr. Woolevy began his business career as traveling representative of the National Wall Paper Company, which he served for 11 years. For the past six years, in partnership with Otto F. Ramseyer, he has been interested in the present enterprise, the firm having purchased the business from Mr. Robinson.

Both Mr. Woolevy and Mr. Ramseyer are also interested in the National Anchor Company.

In 1881 Mr. Woolevy was married to Emma Leyburn, and they have one daughter, Nellie, who is the wife of W. O. Davis, who is a conductor on the Lake Erie & Western Railroad.



JACOB EDWARD BOWSHER, one of the representative citizens and intelligent farmers of Amanda township, was born April 2, 1873, in Shawnee township, Allen County, Ohio, and is a son of Israel and Elizabeth (Killian) Bowsher.

Mr. Bowsher comes of pioneer ancestry in Ohio, and of a family which is numerous all over the United States. His grandparents, Benjamin and Elizabeth (De Long) Bowsher, came to Shawnee township, Allen County, in 1836, settling in what was then a wilderness. The family lived in an Indian wigwam until the round-log house of the period was constructed, it being necessary to clear a site on which it could be erected. The father of our subject, Israel Bowsher, was not born here, being six years of age when the family came, but he was reared in Shawnee township, married here and reared a very large family. The survivors are: Elias, a farmer of Shawnee township; Franklin, of Shawnee township; Mary E. (Mrs. Ridenour), of Paulding





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County; Charles A., of Shawnee township; and Jacob Edward, of Amanda township.

Jacob Edward Bowsher was reared on the farm in Shawnee township, where like other youths of the neighborhood, he attended school through the fall and winter months, giving his assistance on the farm during the spring and summer. He also attended Lima College and the Ohio Normal University at Ada, and thus had an advantage over many of his companions. He taught school for some 12 months in Shawnee township prior to settling down to farming, and is one of the best read and most thoughtful, intelligent men of his community. Mr. Bowsher came to his present fine farm of 106 acres, situated in section 27, Amanda township, in December, 1896, this being a farm once owned by his father. It was mostly new land and Mr. Bowsher has cleared 22 acres and placed the cleared portion of the property under a fine state of tillage, has remodeled and erected buildings and has demonstrated his industry and ability as an agriculturist.

In 1895 Mr. Bowsher was married to Amanda E. Hocker, who is a daughter of Louis and Catherine (Herring) Hocker, and they have an interesting family of five children, viz: Brandon De Witt, Waldo Gern, Ethelind Joy, Lovell Constance and Audrey Rudolph.

Mr. Bowsher is one of the most zealous supporters of the public schools and for three years has been a member of the School Board. In April, 1904, he was appointed trustee of Amanda township and in April following he was elected to the office, in which he is still giving intelligent and effective service. He is one of the leading members of the Lutheran Church in Shawnee township near Criderville.



WALTER P. BLOOM, proprietor of the largest lumber and coal yards in Lima, is also an agriculturist and stock-raiser of considerable prominence, and is widely known as one of the best posted men in the lumber business. He is a native of Detroit, Michigan, was born August 23, 1867, and is a son of O. C. Bloom, who is a highly esteemed citizen of

Allen County, residing on the farm of our subject. The elder Bloom was for 36 years engaged in the mail service in Detroit; he retired to spend the evening of life in the quiet of the country. He is a veteran of the Civil War, having served in the Fifth Michigan Regiment.

Walter P. Bloom was educated in Detroit, and began his business career as bell-boy in the Michigan Exchange Hotel. A short time later he embarked in the lumber industry, entering the employ of W. A. C. Meller, with whom he remained for more than three years, becoming familiar with every feature of the business and gaining a thorough knowledge of the work required of an inspector. From there he went to Northern Michigan, visiting Bay City, Saginaw and all the principal lumber centers along the lake shore as inspector, at the same time conducting a small individual trade in lumber. Following this experience, he was inspector and buyer for C. W. Restricks for a few years, purchasing all the material handled by that gentleman. His knowledge of the business was so thorough that he became well known throughout the lumber district, and he was offered a lucrative position as salesman with Bennett Brothers, of Muskegon, Michigan. He remained with them about six years, or until 1894, and was their able representative in Ohio and Indiana and in Pennsylvania and other Eastern States. For some time having contemplated engaging in business for himself, in 1894 he came to Lima and established the largest lumber-yards in the city, placing therein a complete stock of both hard and soft lumber and also a supply of coal. He does a large wholesale and retail trade, and keeps a number of traveling salesmen continually employed, occasionally taking a portion of the territory himself. In order to fill all his orders satisfactorily he purchases his stock in the various markets of the North and South and in California.

Mr. Bloom is also largely interested in farming and stock-raising, and carries on this work with a success equal to that which he has achieved in the lumber and coal business. He owns two fine farms in Allen County, and is a breeder of draft horses which have more than a local reputation and find a ready market.

Mr. Bloom was married, in 1891, to Flor-





ence Langley, daughter of Charles Langley, deceased, a native of London, England, who came to America and for a number of years was a shipbuilder of Detroit. Three sons have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Bloom: Milton D., Powell H., and Walter L. The second son died in 1901, aged eight years. Mr. Bloom is a member of the First Congregational Church, of which he is treasurer and trustee. He fraternizes with the Royal Arcanum. His portrait accompanies this sketch.

**A**LFRED J. YOUNG, formerly an extensive farmer in Bath township, but for the last two years a business man of Lima, who deals extensively in hay, was born in 1863 in Richland township, Allen County, Ohio, and is a son of Freeman and Charity (Roberts) Young.

The father of Mr. Young is now a resident of Beaver Dam, Ohio. In 1850 he came to Allen County. Charity Roberts, who became his wife, was a daughter of Washington Roberts, one of the pioneers of Allen County. The children of Freeman Young are: Wilson, a farmer of Richland township; G. Washington, a farmer and hay dealer, of Beaver Dam; Emma, the wife of Cyrus Marshall, of Richland township; Eugene, of Richland township; and Alfred J., of Lima.

Alfred J. Young was reared in Richland township, and secured a good, common-school education there. He remained on the home farm until about 25 years of age, and then bought a farm of 100 acres in Bath township, which he operated very successfully until he retired from farming, in 1904. He then moved to Lima and engaged in a feed business for one year, after which he went into the hay business. He is a heavy dealer in this commodity, baling and shipping large quantities every year.

Mr. Young was married December 2, 1884, to Phoebe Baker, who is a daughter of William and Deborah (Kollar) Baker. The late William Baker came to Allen County in 1863. His wife Deborah was a daughter of

Joseph Kollar, formerly a leading farmer of Tuscarawas County, Ohio, and a soldier of the Civil War. Mr. and Mrs. Baker had nine children, as follows: Joseph, living on the home farm in Bath township; Ella, wife of G. Stockton, of Van Buren, Indiana; Margaret, wife of G. W. Young, of Beaver Dam, Ohio; Pleaza, wife of William Roeder, of Bath township; Phoebe, wife of A. J. Young; Emma, wife of Samuel Roeder, of Lima; Rilla, wife of Daniel Armentrout, of Bath township; Molly, wife of John Norman, of Lima; and Hays, also of Lima. Mr. Baker died in June, 1904, but Mrs. Baker still survives and resides in Bath township. The members of the family are well and favorably known.

Mr. and Mrs. Young have two children, Mertie O. and Grace, the latter still in school. The family belong to the United Brethren Church. Mr. Young is a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. The family residence is at No. 843 West Spring street.

**G**EORGE KLEIN, one of Lima's well-known citizens, who has been connected with the machine shops of the C., H. & D. Railway for over a quarter of a century, and is treasurer of the Citizens' Loan & Building Company, of Lima, was born in Baden, Germany, in 1855, and is a son of Martin Klein, a native of Germany, who came directly to Lima in 1876.

George Klein was educated in his native land and was 17 years old when he came to Lima, Ohio. Here he entered the employ of the machine department of the C., H. & D. Railway, and there he has remained for 34 years, with the exception of one year when he worked in the Pennsylvania shops. He has an established reputation for reliability and efficiency.

In 1876 Mr. Klein was married to Lizzie Schnabel, who is a daughter of John Schnabel, a mechanic, who came from Germany and settled at Lima in 1853. Mr. and Mrs. Klein have five children, namely: Anna, who graduated at the Lima High School in 1896, and





has been teaching in the public schools since 1897; Flora, who also graduated at the Lima High School, in 1902, and is a stenographer for the Chown Commercial Company, having also taken a business course; Bertha, who was graduated in 1903 from the Lima High School and is the wife of Herman Rable, a boiler-maker in the railroad shops at Lima; Charles, who is a machinist now serving his apprenticeship with the C., H. & D. Railway; and Lillian, who is a student in the Lima High School.

Mr. Klein and family belong to the German Reformed Church in which he has been an elder for a number of years. Fraternally he is an Odd Fellow. He is a man of quiet tastes, an independent thinker, and while not active in political life, he is always interested in all matters that promote the general welfare.



WILLIAM ROUSH, M. D., one of Spencerville's well established physicians and surgeons, belongs to an old pioneer family of Allen County. He was born on the old homestead in Amanda township, December 6, 1864, and is a son of Jacob M. and Elizabeth (Holtzapple) Roush.

The family is of Pennsylvania-Dutch extraction. The father of Dr. Roush was born in Pennsylvania in 1816 and came to Ohio in 1848. He lived to be over 77 years of age. He married Elizabeth Holtzapple, who died in 1903, aged over 76 years. They had 12 children, of whom two sons and two daughters still survive.

Dr. Roush received his primary education in the district schools and spent two years at Elida, also two terms at the Ohio Normal University at Ada, following which he taught school for four years in Marion and Amanda townships. He read medicine for 18 months with Dr. S. A. Hitchcock, at Elida, before entering the Cincinnati College of Medicine and Surgery. He was graduated in the class of 1891, receiving a gold medal for his high standing on general examination. He settled first at Elida, but removed in 1893 to Spencer-

ville, where he now controls a very satisfactory practice. At various times he has taken post-graduate courses at Baltimore and Cincinnati. He belongs to all the leading medical organizations of county and State. In 1893, he was appointed pension examiner, and served during President Cleveland's second administration. He has always taken a more or less active part in politics as becomes an intelligent citizen, and he has also shown his interest in public matters by serving on the Board of Public Service, the Board of Education and other civic bodies; he was one of the original trustees of the city electric plant.

In June, 1894, Dr. Roush was married to Vade Wright, a native of Highland County, Ohio, a sister of County Commissioner Samuel W. Wright and a daughter of W. G. Wright, now a resident of Michigan. They have three children, viz: Gerald, Richard and Lucile.

Dr. Roush belongs to Lima Lodge, No. 162, B. P. O. E., and is a past grand of Deep Cut Lodge, No. 311, I. O. O. F., and a past chief patriarch of Spencerville Encampment, No. 279.



J. H. SECREST, attorney-at-law at Lima, and junior partner of the law firm of Klinger & Secrest, was born in Guernsey County, Ohio, in 1871, and is a son of Noah E. and Eliza J. (Spriggs) Secrest.

Noah E. Secrest is a prominent agriculturist of Guernsey County. He married Eliza J. Spriggs, who was a daughter of Morris Spriggs, and a brother of Joseph W. Spriggs, a prominent attorney of Portland, Oregon, and of John P. Spriggs, who was the Democratic candidate for judge of the Supreme Court of Ohio from Woodsfield, in 1902, and was formerly judge of the Court of Common Pleas. Another brother is Judge David S. Spriggs, of Caldwell, Ohio, one of the ablest attorneys in the State, long a judge on the common pleas bench and a popular candidate for Congress.

It will thus be seen that Mr. Secrest came naturally into the profession of the law, undoubtedly inheriting a tendency in this direc-





tion. He remained at home on his father's farm, attending the local schools, until he was 17 years of age, and then entered the Ohio Normal University at Ada, where he was graduated in the classical course, receiving the degree of M. A. in 1894. His law reading was commenced at the university and was continued in the office of Spriggs & Spriggs, at Paulding, Ohio, and later, with Risser & Smith, at Ottawa. He was admitted to the bar in 1903. The following year he located at Lima and entered into his present partnership. The firms are located in the Metropolitan Building. In addition to a large practice Mr. Secrest devotes some time to other important business interests.

After completing a very liberal education, Mr. Secrest served for three years as county school examiner of Paulding County. He was superintendent of schools at Antwerp, Ohio, for six years and for three years at Ottawa. In 1903 he was put forward by the Democratic party as the candidate for school commissioner of Ohio.

Fraternally, Mr. Secrest is a Mason, belonging to Blue Lodge, Chapter and Council at Ottawa. He is recognized as a young man of great ability and has already made a name in his chosen profession.



**M**D. MASON is a representative agriculturist of Allen County, and has passed his entire life on a farm in section 16, Bath township, where he was born October 3, 1840. He lives on a farm of 73¼ acres adjoining the place of his birth. His parents were Jarvis and Elizabeth (Hall) Mason, the former a native of Rehoboth, Massachusetts, and the latter, of Oneida County, New York. The Mason family was founded in America in 1649 by Alexander Mason, who came to this country from England and took up large tracts of land along the seacoast of Massachusetts. Little more is known concerning him, except that he was of Scotch-Irish lineage. Elisha Mason, the grandfather of our subject, was a descendant of this Alexander Mason, belong-

ing to the fourth generation, and farmed on the ancestral acres in Massachusetts.

Jarvis Mason was born January 6, 1789, and learned the trade of a stone mason while a boy and built a great many walls with "niggerheads" or boulders. He went to Oneida County where he was married. Later he returned to his native State, but shortly after again went to New York where he lived until his removal to Ohio in 1834, when he brought with him his wife and seven children, leaving two children in the East. They had a family of 15 children, six having been born after their removal to Ohio. Franklin, an elder son, had preceded the family here one year. He was a blacksmith and set up the first anvil used in Allen County; but soon abandoned his trade to take up the more lucrative work of teaming, making trips to Columbus, Dayton, Toledo and other points. General Armstrong related to our subject that he had at one time, about 1836, employed Franklin, who had the only horse team here then, to make a trip to Columbus for cannon, the return journey taking six weeks. Franklin Mason was laid to rest in the cemetery at Lima.

M. D. Mason owns part of the original quarter section entered by his father and cleared and put under cultivation by the family. For many years the family occupied the little cabin, but Mr. Mason has a cozy, comfortable residence and has improved his place until it is equal to the best. He was married October 2, 1866, to Amy L. Snyder, who was born September 13, 1848, in Bath township, and is a daughter of Peter and Clarinda (Edgecomb) Snyder, the former of New York and the latter of Trumbull County, Ohio. Thirteen children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Mason, viz: Clarinda, who married Frank Roeder, of Lima; Elmer, who was murdered in 1904, aged 36 years; Frank, killed in an accident; Pulaski, of Lima; Jennie, wife of Claud Hennen, of Lima; Milton; Luella; Talma, wife of C. D. Miller, of Lima; Nellie, wife of James Richards, of Michigan; Harry; Charles; Donald; and Amy. Mr. Mason is a Republican and has served as trustee three terms; for several years he was on the School Board.





**H**ENRY C. RICHARDSON, druggist at Spencerville, was born in October, 1860, on the Richardson farm in Allen County, and is a son of George Washington and Julia Ann (Francis) Richardson.

The paternal grandfather of Mr. Richardson was William Richardson, a veteran of the War of 1812, who was born and reared in the shadow of the Blue Mountains, in Virginia. He came of sturdy, virile mountain ancestry and lived to the age of 106 years, dying in Ohio. His son, George Washington Richardson, was born in Montgomery County, Ohio, February 27, 1822, and died January 30, 1879, in Allen County, having settled in Amanda township in 1858. In 1841 he was married to Julia Ann Francis, who was born near the Ohio River, in Virginia, March 4, 1822, and died July 14, 1900. She was quite young when her parents moved to Auglaize County, Ohio, where she was married.

The children of George Washington Richardson and wife were: William, Daniel, Elizabeth, Margaret, Sarah Ellen, George Washington, Henry C., David Mc., and Emma Jane. William Richardson was born March 14, 1842, and is a veteran of the Civil War. He was married May 15, 1861, to Mary E. Miller, and they have seven children. Daniel Richardson was born June 8, 1844, and was a veteran of the Civil War. He was married April 6, 1867, to Lydia Miller, who survives him with six children. He died in Kansas, November 26, 1886, and was buried in Allen County. Elizabeth Richardson was born February 7, 1848, and died in March, 1880. She married William Harruff and is survived by four children. Margaret Richardson was born May 14, 1854, and was married June 24, 1871, to Simon Shaffer, of Spencerville; they have six children. Sarah Ellen Richardson was born September 7, 1856, and was married May 8, 1875, and died in Charleston, Missouri, in August, 1902. She is survived by her husband, W. T. Hooker, and children. George Washington Richardson (2), named for his father, was born May 9, 1858, and was married July 21, 1879, to Fannie A. Logan. She

was born in Perry township, Allen County, Ohio, April 24, 1858, and is a daughter of David and Mary Ann (Graham) Logan. Of their five children, three sons—C. C., G. C. and John E.—survive. David Mc. Richardson was born May 13, 1864, and was married January 18, 1882, to Emma Whirl. Emma Jane Richardson was born May 9, 1866, and was married February 12, 1883, to John McDonald, of Buffalo, New York.

The parents of this family united with the Christian Church under Elder Whetstone, when they were about 30 years of age. On February 10, 1888, the mother united with the congregation at Spencerville, under Elder C. J. Hance. At the time of her decease she had been a member of the Christian Church for 50 years, and this fact was dwelt upon by Rev. W. L. Lundy at the time of her funeral.

Henry C. Richardson was primarily educated in the local schools and then took a course in pharmacy in the Ohio Normal University at Ada, where he was graduated in 1891. After a period of clerking at Ada and then at Cincinnati, he came to Spencerville, and later, in partnership with his brother-in-law, Harmon Dunathan, purchased the Harbison drug business and also was in a drug partnership with Mr. Dunathan at St. Marys. When this business association was dissolved; Mr. Richardson continued at Spencerville and Mr. Dunathan at St. Marys.

In 1884 Mr. Richardson was married to Mary M. Dunathan, who is a daughter of J. H. Dunathan, and they have four children, viz: Luro, who married Elden Core and has one child, Glenn; and John, Howard and Ruby, who live at home.

Our subject was formerly a member of the Board of Education at Spencerville, and is one of the city's representative men. He was the Allen County delegate to the convention of the National Pharmaceutical Association, held in Boston in 1905.

The substantial brick residence in Spencerville, now occupied by William Richardson and owned by his brother, the subject of this sketch, was built by their father, who was taken



ill the day before the family intended moving in, and died without ever having had the pleasure of making it his home.

**T**HOMAS H. JONES, the efficient treasurer of Allen County, is one of the best known and most popular public officials of the State. Mr. Jones was born February 18, 1835, in North Wales, a country which has contributed largely to America's good citizenship. His parents were Josiah and Mary (Hughes) Jones.

Josiah Jones was a large woolen manufacturer prior to emigrating with his family to America, in 1850. He settled in the town of Gomer, Allen County, Ohio, where he engaged in an undertaking business and also carried on farming to some extent. His death occurred there in 1887, at the age of 81 years, his wife surviving him until 1889. They had a family of eight children.

Thomas H. Jones was 15 years of age when Ohio became his home. After four months of school attendance at Gomer, he became a clerk in a village dry goods store and later worked in the same capacity at Columbus Grove, Ohio, where he was living at the time of his enlistment for service in the Civil War. He entered Company F, 118th Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf., in which he served until his honorable discharge on July 9, 1865, after a service of three years, a portion of which time he was quartermaster of his regiment. Mr. Jones then returned to Gomer, where his parents were living, and, in September following, accepted a position as clerk and bookkeeper for William Ashton & Company, at Lima, and thus continued with their successors, W. K. Boone & Company, who purchased the business in 1867. Subsequently he became an active partner in this firm, and remained in this connection for a period of 40 years.

Ever since attaining his majority, Mr. Jones has shown his devotion to the principles of the Republican party, and at various times has been called upon to fill positions of responsibility. In 1903 he was elected treasurer of

Allen County, a position in which his sterling integrity and close and careful attention to duty have won him the confidence of his fellow-citizens in the highest degree. On November 7, 1905, Mr. Jones was reelected county treasurer by a majority of 906 votes. He has always shown himself to be a public-spirited citizen, and on many occasions has thrown the weight of his influence in support of measures for the public welfare. He was elected a member of the Board of Education of Lima and served for six years, being president of that body for three years of this period.

In 1862 Mr. Jones was married to Susan Francis, a daughter of Ellis Francis, and they have five children, two of whom are also county officials, viz: Harry, who is deputy county treasurer, and Mrs. G. J. Pence, assistant county treasurer. Although Mr. Jones is in his 71st year, the infirmities of age seem to have no hold upon his vigorous faculties; in fact, with valuable experience, he combines the alert business qualities of far younger men, while his cheerful personality and thorough kindness of heart have won him the affectionate cognomen of "Uncle Tommy."

Mr. Jones is an elder in the Market Street Presbyterian Church. He has always been interested in Sunday-school work, and frequently gives lectures before various bodies, which are very popular. He belongs to the Mart Armstrong Post, No. 202, G. A. R. of Lima, and finds a hearty welcome awaiting his attendance. His fraternal connection is with the Odd Fellows. Mr. Jones has a comfortable home at No. 519 West North street.

**E**LMER D. WEBB, who is engaged in a general insurance business at Lima, with offices at No. 56½ Public Square, and is also interested in oil production in the Ohio and Indiana fields, was born in 1876 in Union County, Ohio. He is a son of the late Isaac Webb.

The father of Mr. Webb was a prominent farmer in Union County, Ohio, for many years. His death took place in 1901. During







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the Civil War he served his country with gallantry and fidelity, and for his personal bravery was promoted from the ranks to an official position. On several occasions he was severely wounded. He was a veteran of the 17th Regiment, Ohio Vol. Inf.

Mr. Webb was reared in Union County and attended the local schools and the Delaware Business College, and for several years was engaged in business at different points, for a short period being on the road for a crockery firm. In 1896 he was called to Fort Wayne to accept the position of assistant superintendent of the Prudential Life Insurance Company, where he remained until 1898, when he came to Lima as special agent for the Union Central Life Insurance Company. Later he went into a general insurance business and now represents such reliable companies as: The United States Casualty Company, of New York; the Union Central Life, of Cincinnati, Ohio; the American Central Fire, of St. Louis, Missouri; and the Traders Fire, of Chicago. For a number of years Mr. Webb has been financially interested in oil productions and is a member of the National Oil Company and of the Surety Oil Company, both operating in the Ohio and Indiana fields, and owns stock in other corporations.

In 1903 Mr. Webb was married to Margaret Ballinger, who is a daughter of Rev. A. W. Ballinger, a minister of the United Brethren Church, formerly pastor of the church at Toledo, but now in charge at Findlay, Ohio.

Mr. Webb is a member of the Presbyterian Church. He is one of the active members of the Young Men's Christian Association at Lima.

**F**ON. WILLIAM RUSLER, one of the most prominent and substantial citizens of Shawnee township, whose portrait is shown on the opposite page, resides upon a fine farm of 180 acres in section 17. He has not only attained success as a farmer, but as a public officer so discharged his duties as to gain the respect and hearty commendation of the people.

Mr. Rusler was born in Shawnee township, about two and a half miles east of his present farm, on March 7, 1851, being a son of Philip and Elizabeth (Anthony) Rusler, and a grandson of George Rusler. The grandfather was a native of Pennsylvania, and about 1820 located in Trumbull County, Ohio, where his death subsequently occurred. He married Elizabeth Ellenbarger, a native of Germany, and of a large family of children but two came to Allen County—John, who later settled near St. Marys, and Philip.

Philip Rusler was born in Trumbull County, Ohio, October 17, 1825, and about 1847 moved to Allen County, where he thereafter farmed, with the exception of two years during the early part of the Civil War, when he lived just north of St. Marys. Although always of delicate health, he was anxious to serve his country's cause when it needed him. Consequently, during the winter of 1864-65, when the affairs of the nation were at a crisis, he deemed it his duty to offer his services. He enlisted, but owing to his continued ill health never got beyond Camp Dennison, where he remained until the close of the war. He then returned to his farm, but as he never regained good health the bulk of the farm work was done by his son William. He died in 1874, aged 49 years.

Philip Rusler married Elizabeth Anthony, a native of Jackson County, Ohio, and a daughter of David and Nancy Anthony, by whom he had five children, namely: William, the subject of this sketch; David A.; Mary Catherine; Franklin, and a child who died in infancy, unnamed. Of these children all died in childhood but William and Franklin; the latter lived to the age of 30 years, when he too passed away. Philip Rusler was a Democrat in politics. Religiously, he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

William Rusler was reared in Shawnee township until the removal of his parents to St. Marys at the beginning of the war. Two years later they returned, and his education was completed here in the district schools and in the Lima High School. Owing to his father's death he was unable to pursue his stud-





ies to graduation in the High School. He engaged in teaching during the winter months and during the summer worked upon the farm. He taught school 13 years, always in this county, except for two terms. He has always been an enthusiastic Democrat and has worked hard for party success. He has frequently been called upon to serve in official capacity and ably discharged his duties. He has been township clerk, land assessor and twice a member of the School Board. For three years he served as Indian farmer of the Lake Court Oreilles Reservation, one of the seven reserves constituting the LaPoint Agency in Northwestern Wisconsin. At the end of that time he was appointed agent of the LaPoint Agency and served until the end of Cleveland's administration. In 1893, he was elected to the State Legislature, and during his four years' service in that body secured much needed legislation for his constituents. Some of the measures fostered by him showed that he possessed unusual capacity for that service and was somewhat in advance of the times. One of them, an "Anti-Shoddy Bill," required the labeling of all articles of merchandise to show of what they consisted, a measure resembling the pure food laws of the present day. This bill passed the House by a vote of 70 to 10, although there were but 23 Democratic members in that body; but it was killed in the Senate. Another bill, whose aim it was to prevent bossism and corruption in securing party nominations, was the "Primary Election Law," which has since been adopted in many States.

Mr. Rusler has a fine farm, improved according to modern methods. To the original tract of 80 acres secured by his father, he has added 100 acres, most of which he aided in clearing. He built a fine modern home, and made all the substantial improvements on the place. He was reared to hard work, and the success attained by him is the result of his individual effort.

Mr. Rusler was married, in 1874, to Anna McClintock, who died in 1884, leaving four children: Tessie J., who married D. A. Bowsher and lives in Shawnee township; C. A., living on the north end of the farm, who married Maud Zurmehly—he teaches school and farms

the home place; Eva May, who married John Seref and lives in Shawnee township; and Daisy, who married Ira Coon and lives in Amanda township. His second marriage, in 1884, was to Sophronia Wiesenmayer, a native of Shawnee township, and a daughter of George Wiesenmayer, who lives in Amanda township. They have a daughter, Bessie M., who was named after an Indian. She married Guy Culp and they live in Shawnee township. Mr. Rusler is a member of the Shawnee Methodist Episcopal Church, and affiliates with the Knights of Pythias.

**E**LIJAH EDMAN, a retired citizen of Lima and an honored veteran of the Civil War, was formerly a prominent farmer of Shawnee township, and still retains possession of his well-improved farm of 196 acres there. Mr. Edman was born November 7, 1827, in Lick County, Ohio.

He was educated in his native county and grew to young manhood a practical farmer. In 1853 he came to Allen County and followed farming until 1861, when he enlisted for the 100-day service in the Union Army, under Captain Titus, in the 151st Regiment, Ohio Vol. Inf. His first term of enlistment was spent mainly in the forts around Washington, on guard duty, after which he returned home for a few months; but in the spring of 1862 he reenlisted, entering the 192nd Regiment, Ohio Vol. Inf. During this enlistment he saw much hardship as a soldier, participating in the campaign in the Shenandoah Valley; but during the whole period he was fearless in the discharge of duty and was honorably discharged after making a record for fidelity and bravery. He is one of the valued members of Mart Armstrong Post, No. 202, G. A. R., at Lima. He draws a pension of \$12 per month.

Until 1888 Mr. Edman continued his agricultural operations. His fine farm in Shawnee township had been cleared through his own industry and during his many years' residence upon it he continued its improvement. Since coming to Lima, he has lived retired from ac-





tive participation in business affairs. His pleasant home is situated at No. 706 East High street.

On November 28, 1853, Mr. Edman was married to Martha Jane Wagner, and many years of happy wedded life were afforded them before the death of Mrs. Edman on January 11, 1906. This recent bereavement has saddened a hitherto unbroken family circle. These children were born to them: Wilson, of Portland, Indiana; Marion, of Auglaize County, Ohio; Charles and Amos, of Hume, Allen County; Emma, wife of Louis Neff, of Lima; Martin, of Lima; Grant, of Waynesboro, Virginia; and Ida, wife of Grant McKay, of Lima.

**P**ETER DILLER, who for over 30 years has been one of the leading business men of Bluffton, was born in Riley township, Putnam County, Ohio, near the Allen County line, September 14, 1847, when Bluffton was only a trading-point. He is a son of Peter and Barbara (Sutter) Diller.

The father of our subject was born in Alsace, France, February 26, 1813. His father died while he was but a boy, and in 1824 he and his brother John accompanied their mother to America. They located at first in Holmes County, Ohio, and removed from there in 1836 to Putnam County, this State, where the mother died in 1847. Peter Diller, Sr., was a farmer all his life. He cleared a tract of 160 acres in Putnam County, which he entered from the government and to which he later added by purchase. His death occurred September 1, 1866. On January 5, 1837, he married Barbara Sutter, who was also born in Alsace, France, October 5, 1818, and came to Ohio with her parents in 1825. They settled in Virginia, and moved in 1834 to Putnam County, Ohio. She died April 5, 1860. They had eight children, our subject being the fifth in order of birth.

Peter Diller, our immediate subject, remained on his father's farm until 18 years of age, and during this time worked for a season at the carpenter's trade. In 1869 he came to

the village of Bluffton and for a short time was a clerk in the clothing and dry goods store of John Henderson. In June, 1872, in partnership with A. D. Lugibihl, he bought Ransom Bartlett's hardware business, and together they operated one of the first hardware stores in Bluffton, continuing in business partnership for more than a quarter of a century, under the firm name of Diller & Lugibihl. The partnership was dissolved in November, 1898, when Mr. Diller sold his interest.

For some time Mr. Diller was engaged in the manufacture of a photographic attachment, the "Klay" multiplying plate holder, a unique patented device for producing from 2 to 28 different pictures on a single plate. It was an attachment which proved of the greatest value to photographers, and Mr. Diller continued in the manufacturing business for four years.

In 1902 Mr. Diller embarked in his present large enterprise, the cream separator business, which has developed into one of the largest and most important industries of this section. He continued under his own name for two years, then formed a stock company and the business was incorporated under the laws of the State of Ohio, in November, 1904, as The Sanitary Cream Separator Company. Mr. Diller is president and general manager of this large concern. The introduction of the "Sanitary" cream separator has been of the greatest benefit to the dairyman and farmer. It has many noted advantages over its competitors in its general construction, and has been received with the greatest favor by the large dairymen, while it is equally useful to the farmer's wife who looks after the milk from but a few cows. The company gives employment to eight hands. Mr. Diller has other important interests, being the president of and a stockholder in the Commercial Bank & Savings Company. He is a member of the Council and was one of the water-works trustees. In politics he takes no very active part, but votes with the Republican party.

Mr. Diller was married May 24, 1876, in Tennessee, to Mary Stalder, who was born in Switzerland, and is a daughter of Ulrich Stalder. They came here in 1859. Mr. and Mrs.





Diller have two children: Estella, born March 2, 1877, who is the wife of Dr. H. O. Frederick, of Bluffton; and Waldo E., born June 25, 1881, who is a stockholder in The Sanitary Cream Separator Company and represents its interests on the road.

For a long period Mr. Diller has been a leader in affairs of moment at Bluffton, and his fellow-citizens testified to their continued esteem and confidence by reelecting him a member of their governing body in November, 1905.

**J**R. COULSTON, roadmaster of the L. E. & W. Railroad, at Lima, where he has been located since May, 1900, was born in 1870 at Toledo, Ohio, and is a son of Mathew Coulston, a landscape gardener of that city.

Until 10 years of age, Mr. Coulston attended school both in Ohio and Pennsylvania, and then returned to Toledo, where his education was completed. After teaching school for several years, he studied for a year in the city civil engineering office at Toledo, and in the fall of 1890 went with the engineering corps of the L. S. & M. S. Railway. In the spring of 1891 he entered the government service as harbor inspector of the district between Cleveland and Toledo, efficiently filling this important position before he had attained his majority after completing the season's work he returned to the engineering corps of the L. S. & M. S. Railway and remained connected with the Lake Shore engineer's office until 1893. At this time he was transferred to Adrian, Michigan, where he served as assistant roadmaster of the Coldwater Division until 1896, being then promoted to be roadmaster of the Fort Wayne Division of the L. S. & M. S. Railway, with headquarters at Jackson, Michigan.

After one season's work there, Mr. Coulston was placed in charge of the Lansing Division, his duties being doubled. He then came to Lima as roadmaster of the Lake Erie & Western Railroad. Much of the efficiency of this road is directly due to Mr. Coulston's ef-

forts. All the work with which he has been directly concerned has advanced most satisfactorily and the value of the property has been greatly increased.

On October 5, 1894, Mr. Coulston was married to Nita F. Houston, who is a daughter of James and Anna M. (Allardyce) Houston. The former is deceased. Mrs. Houston still survives and makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Coulston. Mr. and Mrs. Coulston have one child, Joseph F. They are members of Christ Protestant Episcopal Church at Lima.

Mr. Coulston's railroad supervision covers the Lake Erie & Western tracks from Sandusky to the Indiana State line, a stretch of 145 miles. His ability is so well known that he has been given an opportunity to entertain a proposition connected with the construction of the Panama Railroad.

**S**D. EVANS, now living retired in his comfortable residence at No. 411 East High street, Lima, is one of the best-known railroad men of this section, and is also an honored survivor of the Civil War, in which he served almost continuously from its beginning to its triumphal close. Mr. Evans was born August 29, 1842, in Fairfield County, Ohio, and is a son of William H. and Caroline (Eleck) Evans.

The name of Evans was well-known among the pioneer settlers of Allen County. The father of S. D. Evans came here in 1848. He became a prominent farmer and also followed his trade of blacksmith in Marion township, where he and his wife passed away.

S. D. Evans attended the primitive log schoolhouse in the vicinity of his father's farm. He was 18 years old when the Civil War came upon the land, and was one of the first in his locality to proffer his services when a call was made for soldiers for a term of three months. He enlisted on April 20, 1861, in Company F., 20th Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf., and was mustered in at Columbus. His regiment was used in



guarding the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad lines in West Virginia. After the close of his first term he came home, but on February 6, 1862, he reenlisted, entering Company F, 46th Reg. Ohio Vol. Inf. During the years which followed, Mr. Evans saw much of the hardship and hazard of a soldier's life, his regiment taking an active and important part in some of the most dangerous campaigns of those years. At the battle of Shiloh he received two wounds; but he was too good a soldier to permit these to incapacitate him long, and he was soon on duty and participated in the siege of Corinth, the march to Memphis and to Vicksburg, the long siege there, then back and up the Mississippi, across to Chattanooga, in the terrible fight on Missionary Ridge and then to the relief of Burnside at Knoxville. Then followed the wearying march to Scottsboro, Alabama, where the regiment was veteranized. Mr. Evans reenlisted for a possible three years more, enjoyed his furlough of 30 days at home, and then returned to his regiment, which took part in the Atlanta campaign with General Sherman, participated in the last fight, at Bentonville, and then, covered with rags and glory, with battle-flags showing the rents of shot and shell, made the long march to Washington, D. C., and participated in the Grand Review. He was honorably mustered out of the service on July 22, 1865. For 18 months of his service he was detailed as orderly to his colonel.

After the close of the war, Mr. Evans returned home and soon entered into the service of the C., H. & D. Railway, with which company he served as freight conductor for 11 years and as passenger conductor for 20 years. He retired from the railroad in October, 1901, with an honorable record and with the most cordial relations existing between him and his superiors in the service. Mr. Evans is one of the stockholders of the Consumers' Fuel, Building & Supply Company and has numerous other business interests in Lima.

On September 3, 1868, Mr. Evans was married to Zerelda Bussert, who died in 1901. She was a daughter of Abraham Bussert, one of the earliest settlers in Allen County. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Evans,

namely: M. S., an engineer on the C., H. & D. Railway; and Maud, deceased in 1891, who graduated from the Lima High School and became the wife of Lewis Sanford.



**G**OTTlieb F. HENNE, who is now living retired from active business life in his comfortable and attractive home in Spencerville, has been a resident of Spencer township for 39 years, during which period he has been identified with the material development and agricultural progress of the western section of Allen county. Mr. Henne is of German birth and ancestry, being born in Wittenberg, December 14, 1840.

Our subject was the eldest of his father's seven children, and was 16 years of age when his parents decided to emigrate to America. The objective point was Marion County, Ohio, where William Britsch, Mr. Henne's maternal uncle, had already settled. The father possessed but little capital, the sum total being \$200 when he came to Ohio, in 1856; but he was a man of very practical ideas and a good manager. Two of his sons were old enough to work, and he soon found work with a farmer for our subject for \$5 and for his brother William for \$4 a month, to be paid presumably in cash. Sometimes this arrangement was not carried out to the letter, as our subject remembers that on one occasion his father came to his employer in Marion County and took, in payment for his services, two likely shoats, which he trundled away on a wheelbarrow. The father lived for a time in Monroe County but later returned to Marion County, and in 1866 settled in Auglaize County. This was Mr. Henne's last removal. He bought a tract of wild land situated half a mile from what is known as Deep Cut, on the canal, and with our subject's faithful assistance cleared this, added to it and placed it under cultivation. At the time of his death he owned 200 acres, which he divided justly among his children. He died on that farm, aged about 83 years, while the mother died near Celina, Ohio, at the same ripe age.





They were quiet, industrious, frugal people, finding enjoyment in accumulating property and in following out the dictates of kind hearts in their immediate neighborhood. The children of these worthy people who still survive are the following: Gottlieb F., of Spencerville; William; Frederick, of Auglaize County; Kale, who is engaged in the saddlery business at Spencerville; George and Jacob, the last named being the only one born in America. Mr. Henne's brother William is a veteran of the Civil War. He served three months in the Fourth Regiment, Ohio Vol. Cav., and then reenlisted for three years.

Gottlieb F. Henne came to Allen County in the spring of 1867, going to housekeeping in a little log cabin in what was then a wild portion of Spencer township. Like many other settlers he had his belongings shipped from Delaware, Ohio, down the canal to Delphos. He had been married but a few months and it was to a lonely and uninviting home he had to bring his bride in those early days. His cabin little resembled the fine brick residence which is the family home at present. This is situated on the west side of the canal, one block from the Keeth House, at Spencerville. On every side may be observed evidences of Mrs. Henne's industry and housewifely accomplishments. To her frugality and cheerful helpfulness Mr. Henne attributes a large part of his success in life. In the years that followed their settling in Spencer township, both she and her husband found hard and constant labor their portion, and each one did work which their children have never been called upon to perform.

Prior to his marriage, at the time of the last call for volunteers for the Civil War, Mr. Henne enlisted in the 186th Regiment, Ohio Vol. Inf., but the services of this regiment were required only a short time and he never participated in any great battle. He has always been interested in the Grand Army of the Republic since his army days, and attends the meetings of the post at Spencerville.

In recalling the early events of his life, Mr. Henne can show that his present fortune has been built up through industry combined with good management. In his day the little things

were considered of value, and he says that he dates his rise to affluence from the time when he bought for \$3.00 a calf which he cared for until by the time of his marriage it had grown to be a valuable cow. This cow was the first of a number that he owned, and was the beginning of the dairy business which he successfully carried on for a number of years. He is well-known in Lima, where he supplied choice butter to some of the leading citizens. He carried the mail for 20 years and also ran a livery and omnibus business for a considerable period.

After settling on his property in Spencer township, Mr. Henne not only cleared his land and put it under cultivation, but he also did much forest clearing and assisted in the building of public roads which were cut through his property. He broke his ground with horses, but he used the old-fashioned plow and for many years employed the old-time cradle in cutting his grain. He raised good stock while on the farm. By the advice of his physician he left the farm in 1884 and located at Spencerville, where he owns a large amount of valuable real estate, still retaining his farming land in the country. He has erected almost all of the business blocks on Main street.

Mr. Henne was married December 27, 1866, to Christina Schmidt, who was born in Delaware County, Ohio. Her mother was born in Germany and came to Ohio when 13 years of age, where she married and became possessed of large means. She died in Allen County, where she had made her home with Mrs. Henne. While on a visit to the latter, she became impressed with the fertility of the soil of Spencer township and the general lay of the land, and purchased 200 acres with the understanding that Mr. Henne should manage it for her. This he did in connection with his own business. Mr. and Mrs. Henne have had three children: Irwin, who is married and settled in Spencer township; Bertie, who is the wife of George Haas, also residing in Spencer township; and Mary, who died in her 15th year. Mr. Henne gave all his children excellent educational advantages. His son is a graduate of the Lima Business College. Mr. Henne has always been one of the active sup-





porters of educational and religious work in his section. When he first came to this locality, there was a few houses and no church in Spencerville. In a short time Mr. Henne with John Long, Mr. Sweinfart and Mr. Gaberdiel, took the matter in hand, and together they purchased the old building which was made use of by the German Methodists until they later erected their present church edifice, Mr. Henne being one of the trustees of this church. He has never taken any very active part in politics, his time and interest being concerned closely in his own affairs. He is a man well known in the community where his name stands for honesty and integrity and where he is respected and esteemed by his fellow-citizens.

**J**OSEPH R. MARSHALL, one of the highly esteemed citizens of Lima, now living retired from business activity in his pleasant and attractive home at No. 731 West High street, has been identified with this city for the past 30 years. He was born in Champaign County, Ohio, in 1839, and is a son of Richard B. and Emily (Bartlett) Marshall.

Richard B. Marshall was born in Fairfax County, Virginia. In 1840 he came to Allen County and entered a 40 acre tract of land in the woods, where the growth was so dense that he was obliged to clear a spot before he could erect his log cabin. He became one of the leading farmers of the county. He married Emily Bartlett, who belonged to the Virginia Bartletts, and they reared a family of 11 children, the survivors being: Thomas B., a farmer of Perry township; Malinda, wife of Jacob Stevenson, of Perry township; William, formerly a soldier of the Civil War, now a resident of Lima; Mary, widow of Peter Tracy, of Lima; Hamilton, also a survivor of the Civil War and a resident of Lima; and Joseph R., of this record.

Joseph R. Marshall was an infant when his parents came to Allen County. He was reared on his father's farm and was educated in the district schools. Early in the eventful year

of 1861 the young man offered his services to his country, enlisting in Company D, 54th Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf., and was mustered into the army at Camp Dennison. His regiment was hurried to the front and participated in the battle of Shiloh, where Mr. Marshall had the misfortune to be so severely wounded as to necessitate his final return home and retirement from the service for some months. In 1864 he re-enlisted, entering Company A, 180th Reg., Vol. Inf., which was sent first to Camp Chase and then through Tennessee, where it remained encamped for three months before being transferred to Camp Stoneman, Washington, D. C. The service given was mainly guard duty. The regiment then went to New Bern, North Carolina, and thence to Wilmington in time to participate in the battle there. Mr. Marshall was taken ill at this place and spent some two months in the New Bern hospital, three weeks at Fort Schuyler, New York, and was then sent to Columbus, where he was honorably discharged in August, 1865. During his second service he held the rank of 4th corporal. He belonged to a patriotic family, two of his brothers also giving their services in defense of their country.

Upon his return from the army, Mr. Marshall engaged in farming in Perry township, where he remained until he moved to Lima, where he engaged in a successful real estate business for 22 years. He has also been a notary public.

On May 29, 1872, Mr. Marshall was married to Emma C. Bitner, who is a daughter of Adam Bitner, of Indiana. They have one daughter, Gertrude, a resident of Lima. Mr. Marshall and family belong to Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church. He is one of the leading members of Mart Armstrong Post, No. 202, G. A. R., of which he has been both senior and junior vice-commander. In 1863, when home from the war he was elected 1st lieutenant of Company K, Second Reg., Ohio National Guard, and for some years was quite interested in military affairs of a local nature. Mr. Marshall is one of Lima's substantial and representative men.



**Z**ALMON R. MASON, a prominent farmer of Bath township, whose farm is located in section 16, was born March 2, 1839, in one of the first log houses erected in this township. His parents were Jarvis and Elizabeth (Hall) Mason, the former a native of Massachusetts and the latter of Rome, N. Y. They were married in New York, and in 1834 came to Allen County, Ohio, settling in section 16, Bath township, where Jarvis Mason cleared 160 acres of school land, which he rented several years before he finally became its purchaser. He died in 1854 at the age of 65 years. He was one of a family of seven brothers and three sisters. His wife survived him many years and died at the advanced age of 96 years, after rearing a family of 15 children, who were as follows: Eliza, widow of A. S. Harrington; Henry F., deceased; Laura, widow of George Long; Jane, widow of Dr. Nathaniel Hartshorn; Janette, widow of John Shinnalerny; Julia, deceased; Eugene, deceased; Sumner, deceased; Alden, deceased; Elizabeth, widow of James Boyd; Zalmon R.; Marquis D., of Bath township; Sarah H., who died in early life; Nancy A., wife of Philip Roach, of Bath township; and Sarah H., who married James H. Neely and resides west of Lima.

Zalmon R. Mason lived on the home place until about his 20th year, when he went to Wood County and there engaged in farming, at first on rented land. Later he bought 40 acres of timber land in that county, paying therefor the sum of \$400, and a few years afterwards he traded it for 65 acres in Williams County. This in turn was sold and Mr. Mason returned to Allen County, where he bought 50 acres which was afterwards traded for the property on which he now resides. This tract contains 85 acres and has been the home of Mr. Mason for 23 years, most of the improvements having been effected here by him. He formerly owned another tract of 80 acres which he sold to his two sons, 40 to each.

Mr. Mason has been twice married; first, in 1858, to Maria Angus, who was born in Wooster, Wayne County, Ohio, June 16, 1838,

and was a daughter of Jacob and Katherine (Monshire) Angus. She died in 1877, leaving nine children, namely: Jeanette, who was a successful school teacher for 10 years and is now the wife of William Wright, of Monroe township; Sumner F., of Bath township; Reuben, deceased; Franklin E., of Monroe township, who has been a teacher since he was 17 years of age and who is now a member of the Board of County School Examiners; Charles Edward, of Bath township, who has been a teacher since his early manhood; Ida, deceased; Jessie L., deceased; and Irving Hayes, who taught school for some time and is now township clerk. In 1878 Mr. Mason was married to Elizabeth Kidd, who was born in Monroe township, June 2, 1839, and was a daughter of Nat G. and Rhoda (Jennings) Kidd, the former born in 1811 and now a resident of Monroe township. To the second union was born one child, William Z., who died at the age of seven years. Mr. Mason is a Republican and cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln. He has served as assessor of the township and has always stood well with his fellow-citizens. He was formerly a member of the Methodist Church but is now identified with the United Brethren.

**D**AVID CULP, a retired farmer of Allen County, supervisor of German township, was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, October 10, 1838. His parents were Christian and Elizabeth (Goode) Culp, the former a native of Augusta County, Virginia. When he was about 15 years of age, the parents of Christian Culp moved to Logan County, Ohio, and he later went to Fairfield County, where he married Elizabeth Goode, daughter of Joseph Goode, of that county. Nine children were born to them, viz.: David, Noah, Christian, Magdalena, wife of John Hawthorn, of Osborn, Ohio; Fannie, wife of Anthony Miller; Nancy, wife of John Shank; Annie, wife of Ephraim Howard; Sophia, wife of Jacob Amstutz, of Allen County, Indiana; and Elizabeth, wife of Henry Goode, of Virginia. All reside in Allen County except





Magdalena and Sophia. When the parents moved to this county in 1851, they made the trip in covered wagons, five wagons being required to convey them and their goods here. Our subject passed his 13th birthday while they were en route to Sugar Creek township, where they lived several years. David Culp has devoted his life to agricultural pursuits and has been uniformly successful in his work retiring a few years ago after years of industry to enjoy the fruits of his labors. He was married on June 20, 1861, to Nancy Brenneman, daughter of John Brenneman, of Fairfield County, Ohio, formerly from Virginia. They had the following children: John B., who married Annie Steman and has six children; Elizabeth, who died October 10, 1880 in her 15th year, just as she was budding into womanhood; Emma J., wife of Samuel G. Moore, of Virginia; Nancy, who married Moses D. Evers, formerly of Virginia, now of Oregon—they have five children; Malinda, who married C. H. Steinbuck, a native of Virginia, and resides in Allen County—they have three children; Martha, wife of Thomas H. Steinbuck; Ellen Merilla, who died in 1884 at the age of eight years; Sarah, wife of Burdette LaRue, of Allen County and the mother of one child; Lena, who lives at home; and Christian, who married Laura Showalter, of Virginia, and has one child. The subject of this sketch has always supported the Democratic ticket. He is a member of the Mennonite Church and was trustee for many years.

**C. HOSSELLMAN**, who is general superintendent of The Deisel-Wemmer Company's factory at Lima, was born in 1869, at Middletown, Butler County, Ohio, and is a member of a respected family of that section.

When 16 years old, after completing the common school course and learning the trade of cigarmaker, he went to Hamilton, Ohio, where he worked at this trade for nine months. From there, in search of employment, he went to Louisville, Kentucky, where he worked as a

cigarmaker for 15 months, going thence to Connersville, Indiana, where he had six months' of experience in a cigar factory. Other engagements followed, Mr. Hossellman working at Marysville, Kentucky, and at Wapakoneta, Ohio, through the following eight years, and then he came to Lima. Here he entered the employ of The Deisel-Wemmer Company, after working on the bench for two years, he was promoted to be foreman of the shops, and still later to be general superintendent. This position Mr. Hossellman has most efficiently filled for the past four years, during which time the business has expanded to a remarkable degree. His long, practical experience makes him exceptionally well-equipped for his present office, while his executive ability and his tact in the management of a large force of skilled workmen make him almost invaluable to his employers. He also owns stock in the dry goods house known as Feltz Brothers & Company.

On February 25, 1892, Mr. Hossellman was married to Eliza A. Sefered, who is a daughter of David A. Sefered, of Wapakoneta, Ohio. They have two children, Vernon C. and Margaret E. The family residence is at No. 1,000 Wayne street. The family belong to the English Lutheran Church. Mr. Hossellman is a member of the Knights of the Macca-bees and of the Knights of Pythias at Wapakoneta, and of the German order of Red Men at Lima.

**REV. C. H. ECKHARDT** received his ordination into the Lutheran ministry in the spring of 1878, came to Lima on the 19th of September, 1879, and for more than a quarter of a century has been a prominent worker and an inspiration in the advancement and progress of the community. Born in Hessen Darmstadt, Germany, February 6, 1851, he was four years old when his parents came to the United States and settled near Germantown, Montgomery County, Ohio, so that our subject is an American by education and sympathies. His father, George Eckhardt, who passed away in December, 1904, at the





age of 85 years, was a farmer, and it was in the invigorating atmosphere of a country home that our subject spent his boyhood and received his early education.

Desirous of devoting his life to the good of humanity, he entered Capital University at Columbus, Ohio, and was graduated from the theological department in 1878, when he was ordained and immediately installed as pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, near Cridersville, Auglaize County, and is still the beloved leader of that flock. He was pastor of Zion Lutheran Church of Lima for 10 years, and in addition to the heavy demands upon his time found opportunity for doing much good outside work. Lima College, dedicated in 1894, was founded through our subject's untiring efforts in its behalf. He was president of the college for many years and is still closely associated with it. He is a member of the Joint Synod of Ohio, and is a man who stands well, not only with the members of his own church, but with the general public.

Rev. C. H. Eckhardt was married in 1876 to Ida May Dearth, whose father, S. M. Dearth, is one of the prominent agriculturists of Warren County, Ohio. They have a family of four children, namely: Herman, who is engaged in insurance work in Lima; Carrie, wife of Frank J. Cupp, a civil engineer engaged in the construction of railroads at Appleton, Wisconsin; Ethel, who married Roland B. Mikesell, a teacher in the commercial department of Lima College, and has one child, Byron; and Ruth, who is at home. Politically Mr. Eckhardt has always affiliated with the Republicans.

**J**OHN A. COLE. Few residents of Allen County are more favorably known or more generally esteemed than John A. Cole, who has been engaged in the milling business at Harrod for many years, and whose industry and integrity have placed him among the influential men of his section. Mr. Cole was born at Pemberton, Ohio, July 28, 1853, and is the only surviving

child of William and Angeline (Reams) Cole, who were the parents of two children, one of whom died in infancy. His grandfather, was Henry Cole, a native of Virginia, and of Scotch-Irish descent.

William Cole was born in Ohio and became a resident of Pemberton at the time of the "Big Four" Railroad was built through. In 1854 the family moved to North Lewisburg, Champaign County, Ohio, where the father died two years later.

John A. Cole began the battle of life for himself at the tender age of nine years when he secured employment on a farm. He remained on the farm until 1867, when he obtained work in a mill and learned to run an engine. For 28 years he was engineer in a mill. This business has appealed to his fancy as he has been identified with milling for almost 40 years, with the exception of a few months. In 1873 he enlisted in the regular army and was stationed at Newport until his discharge the following spring. He then resumed his career as miller, finding practical training in the mills of Bloom Center, West Mansfield, Rushsylvania, Westminster, Bellefontaine and Harrod.

The Harrod Mill was established about 1884 by James Harrod. Becoming part of the assets of the Bank of Lima which failed, the mill property passed into the hands of Benjamin C. Faurot, by whom it was sold to Donze & Day, who were the proprietors at the time Mr. Cole came here. For four years he was an employe of this company and he then rented a half interest in the business from Mr. Donze and carried on the enterprise with Mr. Day. He and Mr. Day continued to operate the plant successfully until 1900 when Mr. Cole disposed of his interest in the business. This step was taken that he might take advantage of what he considered an excellent opening to engage in business at New Lexington, Ohio. However, owing to the shortcomings of his partner, the enterprise failed, and Mr. Cole saw his money, which represented many years of persistent toil and self-denial, slipping out of his hands. This misfortune would have meant complete financial ruin to a less courageous and enterprising man, but Mr. Cole had been







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HOBART SIMMONS

(Five generations)





engaged in the contest for a competency too many years to sit idly down and repine over his loss. Instead, he gathered together the remnants of his shattered capital and returned to Harrod, where he again purchased a half interest in the mill and set bravely to work to repair his loss. He returned to Harrod on September 6, 1901, the day on which President McKinley fell a martyr at the hand of an assassin. Once more a partner of Mr. Day the mill was operated by them until 1905, when Mr. Day retired from the business. On June 1, 1905, Dr. M. L. Johnston became an equal partner in the mill with Mr. Cole and it has since been conducted under the name of Cole & Johnston. This is one of the solid industries of Harrod and gives constant employment to four men. The output of the mill is 75 barrels per day, the product finding a ready market in this vicinity.

Mr. Cole was married on June 23, 1875, to Mary Louise Curl, who was born in Logan County, Ohio, April 26, 1857. Her grandparents were James R. and Louise (Bayliss) Curl, who came to Logan County, Ohio, from the State of Virginia and were engaged in farming. Her parents, John M. and Caroline M. (Munsell) Curl, were natives of Logan County, and had eight children, namely: Mary Louise; James Nelson, who lives in Logan County; Clement, a resident of Lima; Emily, deceased; Nellie, who married Sylvester Seigler and resides in Michigan; Robert, who died at the age of 21 years; Hulda, who married Dalton Alexander and resides in Union County, near York Center; and Charles, who lives at Columbus. Mr. and Mrs. Cole are the parents of three children who have passed to the higher life and seven who are living, viz: Lindon, born June 16, 1878, and residing in Columbus, who married Emma Ingledue, and has two children—Herbert and Florence; John, Jr., born December 27, 1879, who married Rosetta Shockey and is the father of one son, Paul; Lillian, born January 25, 1882, who married James Leroy Thomas and resides in Pasadena, California; Leota, born February 26, 1884, who lives in Lima; Raymond, born May 14, 1886, who died October 16, 1891, as

the result of a kick in the head from a horse; Lena Vivian, born May 7, 1888, who died on August 17th following; Edna M., born May 11, 1891; Cleo H., born June 27, 1893; McKinley Hobart, born November 6, 1896, the day of the election of McKinley and Hobart; and Leland, born December 30, 1901, who died October 9, 1902. Mrs. Cole is a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and a lady whose personal magnetism has made for her many warm friends. Mr. Cole is a Republican. He was made an Odd Fellow in White Lodge, No. 576, while residing in West Mansfield, Ohio, and has always retained his membership in that order.

**R**EUBEN WHITE, one of Lima's esteemed and honored retired citizens, is a valued member of Mart Armstrong Post, No. 202, Grand Army of the Republic, having gained his right to the same by over three years of loyal, faithful service in defense of his country in the perilous days of 1861-65. Mr. White was born in Bath township, Allen County, Ohio, November 7, 1837, and is a son of Adam and Rebecca M. (Walton) White.

The paternal grandfather of Mr. White, Adam White, was born in Germany and came to Brown County, Ohio, as a pioneer. His maternal grandfather, was Joseph W. Walton, a native of New York, who settled in Bath township in 1826. Adam White, the second, father of our subject, was born in Kentucky and became a resident of Bath township in 1828. He became a very prominent man of Allen County and was its first treasurer, in the days when Allen County included what is now Auglaize and Mercer counties. He was a justice of the peace in Bath township for many years and was a man looked up to and respected by his fellow-citizens.

Reuben White was reared and educated in Bath township, his education being that afforded by the local schools. Up to the outbreak of the Civil War he led a quiet, agricultural life. In October, 1861, he donned the Union blue, became a member of Company E, 81st





Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf., and soon, with his company, was sent to Benton Barracks, Missouri. Here he remained until March, 1862, when his regiment was sent to Pittsburg Landing in time to make a record for gallantry at that great battle, and then followed Corinth, a name which brings sad memories to many households to this day on account of the brave soldiers who fell there. Mr. White was kept with his command in that vicinity for 17 months, and then entered upon the Atlanta campaign, taking part in all the engagements, including the battles of Jonesboro and Lovejoy. Mr. White was honorably discharged at Rome, Georgia, October 3, 1864. He had been wounded only once during all these years of danger, and was one of seven left in his company of the 85 who went to war with him, a fact which tells its own tale of the dangers encountered by this gallant band.

After the close of his service, Mr. White returned to his old home and, as his parents were dead, bought out the other heirs and subsequently improved the property very much, subsequently selling it to great advantage. Later he purchased another fine property, within two miles of Lima; as indications here pointed to probable oil deposits, he sold it during the first oil "boom." Mr. White next engaged for about five years in a mercantile business at Beaver Dam, and then retired to Lima, where he owns a very comfortable home on Second street.

On August 21, 1859, Mr. White was married to Ann Eliza Edgecomb, the eldest daughter of Walter and Laura Edgecomb. Mr. Edgecomb was an early settler in Allen County, entering land here in 1838. Mr. and Mrs. White have had 11 children, namely: Sarah Alice; Ida Edella, deceased; Kirby; Laura; Albert, Walter, Edwin, Emmet Oscar, John Errett, Carey Mott, deceased; Willis Adam; and Rebecca. Sarah Alice married John F. Witherill, of Spencerville, and to them were born nine children; Myrtle, the eldest, married Charles Simmons and has four children living, the eldest being named Hobart. Ida Edella was the wife of Daniel E. Fetter. Five of her children are now living; of these the eldest, Eva, married Lewis Wingate, and has one son, Edrow. Kirby, who is postmaster at Harrod, Ohio, has four children. Laura is the wife of

Frank Rudy, of Allen County, and has five children. Albert died in infancy; Walter Edwin reached the age of 18 years; Emmet Oscar died at the age of two years; John Errett, at his death, at the age of 29 years, left a wife and one daughter; Carey Mott died as an infant of one year. Willis Adam, who is a resident of Huntington, Indiana, has two children. Rebecca married Lee Higgins of Lima and has two children.

Mr. White has always been a Republican and has held office in both townships in which he has lived. He is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen. Mr. and Mrs. White are members of the Church of Christ.

On preceding pages, in connection with this sketch, are presented two group pictures of the White-Edgecomb family, in each of which five generations are shown, Mr. White and his mother appearing in one, and Mrs. White and her mother in the other.

**O**TTO F. RAMSEYER, of the firm of Woolevy & Ramseyer, proprietors of the City Book Store, at Lima, Ohio, was born near Bluffton, Ohio, in 1870, and is a son of Abraham Ramseyer, formerly engaged in the book-binding business at Lima.

Otto F. Ramseyer was five years old when his parents removed from Indiana to Lima, and here he was reared and educated. In 1885 he went into the City Book Store, a business house which had been established at Lima in 1870 by George P. Waldorf, who was succeeded by W. G. Nichols. The latter was succeeded by Trevor & Robinson and this firm by T. A. Robinson. Mr. Ramseyer remained with the store under its different managements and in 1889 he became its manager. In 1899 in partnership with W. H. Woolevy, he bought Mr. Robinson's entire interest. Since that time the business has been enlarged to cover other lines than formerly, a fine art department having been added, which is the only one in the city and the most complete to be found in this section of the State.

In 1898 Mr. Ramseyer was married to







J. M. LONGCOY, M. D.





Laura E. Reynolds, who is a daughter of D. R. Reynolds, of Lima, and they have one son, Richard Lee.

Mr. Ramseyer is a Royal Arch Mason, a Knight of Pythias and belongs also to the Maccabees. He is a member of the German Reformed Church.

**J**M. LONGCOY, M. D., a prominent physician and surgeon of Lima, and proprietor of the X-Ray and Electro-Therapeutic Laboratory at Nos. 214-218 West Market street, was born in New Jersey, June 24, 1848, and is a son of Jacob and Catherine (Fredenburgh) Longcoy.

Dr. Longcoy is one of a family of six children. He was reared and educated in his native State, entering Princeton College and graduating there in 1868. Dr. Longcoy is entitled to write many degrees after his name, both literary and medical, and he is a graduate of many of the leading institutions of the country, viz: McGill University, Montreal, Canada, in 1873; Joplin Medical College, Joplin, Missouri, in 1882; Little Rock University, Little Rock, Arkansas, in 1884; National College of Electro-Therapeutics, Lima, Ohio, in 1898; Institute of Pharmacy, Columbus, Ohio, in 1900; and Chicago School of Psychology in 1901. Since 1900 he has been professor of general electro-therapeutics in the National College of Electro-Therapeutics at Lima. Dr. Longcoy is also associate editor of *The Electro-Therapist*, at Lima, and is consulting surgeon at the Lima Hospital.

In 1900 Dr. Longcoy established the Electro-Bathorium on the corner of Market and West streets, which soon became known all over Ohio for the wonderful cures effected. The X-Ray and Electro-Therapeutic Laboratory, conducted by Dr. Longcoy, who is a scientific physician, is an institution designed to cure those diseases not curable by ordinary medical treatment. The institution has been fitted with all forms of electric currents, electric light baths, X-Rays, Minin's rays, hot air cabinets, mechanical electro-vibrators, pneumatic massage, magnetones, induction coils,

high frequency solenoids, in fact every modern appliance of value known to scientific medicine. The diseases treated are: Diseases of women, fibroid and other tumors, Bright's disease, diabetes, cancer, piles, consumption, nervous prostration, varicose ulcers, tuberculosis of the joints and spine, varicocele, neuralgia, rheumatism and lumbago, insomnia, constipation, eczema, moles, warts, scars, birthmarks, superfluous hair and all blemishes. This institution, with its various and modern facilities is recognized as the greatest concern of its kind in the State and it numbers patients all over the country.

Dr. Longcoy was married to Marie C. Wolff, who is a daughter of John Wolff, of Pennsylvania. Their handsome home is located at No. 214-218 West Market street. Dr. Longcoy and family are Presbyterians.

As a most intelligent man and good citizen, Dr. Longcoy takes an interest in civic advancement and has done his part since locating here to make Lima a business and scientific center. In political sentiment he is a Republican. His portrait is herewith presented.

**J**OHN W. FETTER, deceased, was one of Bath township's most reliable and respected men, and one of the large farmers of Allen County, owning and operating a well-improved farm of 100 acres. Mr. Fetter was born on this farm October 21, 1855, and was a son of George and Sarah (Ward) Fetter. He died January 2, 1902.

The father of Mr. Fetter was born in Germany and the mother in Ohio. They had a family of five sons and four daughters and John W. was the eldest. George Fetter operated a farm, a sawmill and a stone quarry and his eldest son was his right-hand man for many years.

Mr. Fetter remained with his father until his marriage and then he rented the farm for a time, and subsequently bought 20 acres and his father gave him 80 acres, and here he spent the remainder of his life. He took much pride in the cultivation and improvement of his



property and he erected the excellent and substantial buildings which are now in evidence. In addition to carrying on his agricultural projects successfully, raising some of the best crops produced in the neighborhood, he did considerable teaming and grading and constructed turnpike roads under contract.

Politically Mr. Fetter was a staunch supporter of the Democratic party and on numerous occasions satisfactorily filled responsible offices to which the votes of his fellow-citizens elevated him. He served two terms of two years each as township treasurer, and several terms as road supervisor.

Mr. Fetter was a man of the highest integrity and is recalled as a good neighbor, an affectionate husband and a kind father. He reared a family which was a credit to him and left them well provided for.

On March 3, 1878, Mr. Fetter was married to Ella E. Hadsell, who was born in this township, December 20, 1856, who is a daughter of Anson M. and Adeline (Thayer) Hadsell. The father of Mrs. Fetter was born in Connecticut and removed to Trumbull County, Ohio, with his parents. Later he settled in Allen County, where he owned a fine farm and being a man of education, taught school a number of terms. He was a man of local prominence, and was justice of the peace for a number of years. In the latter capacity it is remembered that he often performed the marriage ceremony without any charge, and that it was his habit to present to the newly wedded couple a Bible, intimating that within its pages all the counsel needed for their future lives could be found. He was an active worker in the Methodist Episcopal Church and was notably kind and benevolent in his conduct toward others. He married, for his second wife, Adeline Thayer, who was the mother of Mrs. Fetter.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Fetter are: Charles E., of Bath township, who has two children—Ella E. and Frank; Mary E. wife of Brice B. Hefner of Jackson township, who has two children—Elsie J. and Fred A.; and Fred A., who has three children—Brice B., Claud K. and Harry L.

Prior to her marriage Mrs. Fetter taught several terms of school, as did her sisters. She is an intelligent, companionable lady who has a wide circle of friends.



CRAMER, a well-known druggist of Lima, was born March 5, 1857, in Butler, Richland County, Ohio, where he was reared and educated.

His father was Reuben Cramer, a prominent farmer of that county, who died March 4, 1894. Mr. Cramer was reared to agricultural life and followed that occupation during his earlier years; later teaching his home school and finally entering a grocery store as clerk. He supplemented his early education with a course in the Ohio Normal University at Ada, after which he again taught school, this time in Auglaize County. Being offered a clerkship in the drug store of J. M. Beard, of Spencerville, Ohio, he accepted the position and was with him four and a half years, in which period he thoroughly learned the business. From Spencerville he went to Ludlow, Kentucky, where he clerked for a time and then opened a drug store for himself, which he conducted until he came to Lima in June, 1888, and engaged in the same business here.

Mr. Cramer was married to Ella Ridenour, a member of the Ridenour family that has been prominent in the history of this section. Mr. Cramer is a Democrat and has held a number of local offices, having served on the board of trustees of the Lima Water Works, the Board of Education and has but recently been elected president of the City Council. Fraternally he is a member of the Knights of Pythias and of the Odd Fellows.



ASPER LAUSE, whose well-improved farm of 48 acres is situated in section 6, Marion township, belongs to one of the honorable old pioneer families of this locality. He was born in 1862 on his father's pioneer farm, situated on the Spencerville road, one mile





north of the present home. He is a son of Frederick and Mary (Pohlman) Lause.

The paternal grandparents of our subject were Henry and Mary (Giesker) Lause, and they had seven children, of whom Frederick was the fifth in order of birth.

Frederick Lause was born in Hanover, Germany, March 2, 1825, where he attended the common schools and then learned the carpenter's trade with Mr. Pohlman. In 1844 he came to America, locating in Allen County, where in 1850 he purchased a farm in Marion township. The country was all forest at that time and to settlers less robust and courageous than was Mr. Lause, the clearing and cultivating of this land, within the limits of a lifetime, would have seemed an impossible task. But he had come to America to found a home and in the years that followed no discouragement or hardship was too great to interrupt his industry or dampen his enthusiasm. He lived to see the forest cleared and the land developed into a rich agricultural estate. The old homestead in section 31 is still occupied by his widow and a son, A. W. Lause.

Frederick Lause was married on April 3, 1856, to Mary Pohlman, who was born in Hanover, Germany, May 2, 1838. When six years of age she accompanied her parents to America. They were Casper and Clara (Hensele) Pohlman. Casper Pohlman was one of the original colony to settle in "Section 10," as Delphos was first called, and he crossed the Atlantic on the same sailing vessel which brought here the late venerable Rev. John Otto Bredeick, the founder of Delphos and the organizer of the Catholic Church at Delphos, known as the Church of St. John the Evangelist.

Casper Pohlman was a carpenter and his work, with that of his son-in-law, Frederick Lause, may still be seen in Marion township. This locality soon outgrew log houses, and for many years the two men worked almost constantly in season, at their trade. Mr. and Mrs. Pohlman had 10 children, the two survivors being: Mary, the mother of our subject and Clemens, who resides in section 19, Marion township.

In the summer of 1884, Frederick Lause

erected on his farm above mentioned, a fine farm residence, one of the commodious and comfortable homes of the locality. Here his last years were passed and here his wife and son enjoy comforts provided by his years of industry. The following children were born to Frederick Lause and wife, namely: Mary, wife of John Lower, of Ottawa, Ohio; Dinah, wife of John Laudick, a farmer living in Kansas; Casper, of Marion township; Henry, deceased; Frank, a farmer of Marion township; Clara, wife of A. J. Smith, of Topeka, Kansas; Anna, deceased; Clemens, a farmer of Marion township; Joseph, a blacksmith in the village of Landeck; Frederick, on the farm north of that of our subject; and Aloysius W., who lives on the homestead with his mother. All this family are consistent members of the Church of St. John the Evangelist.

Casper Lause, our immediate subject, was reared on the pioneer farm, and as the oldest of his father's six sons, he had more responsibility placed upon him at an earlier age than on his brothers. His education was obtained in the district and the parochial schools: he also attended night school at Delphos. All his training was along lines to make him a practical farmer. He remained at home until the year of his marriage and then settled on the farm which he now occupies. At that time it was a tract of 48 acres, all forest land—just the same kind of wilderness as that into which his father had penetrated in 1850. This land Mr Lause set about clearing and in the course of time, through persevering industry, it was developed into a fertile farming tract. Mr. Lause has continued its improvement until the present time, setting out shade and fruit trees, erecting substantial buildings and introducing modern methods of tillage wherever found advisable. The present year (1906) finds the family established in a beautiful, well-planned modern residence, one which is a credit to the locality and an abode of great comfort to our subject.

In 1886 Mr. Lause was married to Elizabeth Trentman, who is a daughter of John H. and Magdalena (Neidiken) Trentman. The





former owns a farm in section 6, Marion township, and is in business as a florist at Delphos. Five children have been born to our subject and wife, namely: Frederick, Lena, Hilda, Leo and Otto. Four of the children are at home, but the eldest son is a student at Delphos. He is a very promising young man and is a member of the senior class of the Delphos High School, having taken the honors of the class in the junior year. Mr. Lause has reared his family in the Catholic faith and they are communicants at the Church of St. John the Evangelist at Delphos. In his political sentiments he is a Democrat.

Casper Lause is a thorough business man, a fine farmer and a most highly respected citizen. He is an earnest supporter of good schools and he has served the township for nine years on the School Board. He was one of those nominated after the number of township members was cut down to five, but declined to continue longer in office. During the building of the school-house in District No. 12, he was a member of the building committee and is now serving as one of the township trustees.

The Lause family is one of the best-known in the township. One highly respected member is Aloysius W. Lause, the youngest brother of Casper Lause. He was born in Marion township, January 24, 1880, and was educated in the district and parochial schools. He has always lived on the old homestead. He married Annie Gerdeman, of Van Wert County, and they have one child, Edwin. His aged mother resides with him. She is the center of a large family of descendants, having 27 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She is a devout member of the Catholic Church, a noble, Christian woman.

Among other kindred of Casper Lause, who have been more or less concerned in the development of Delphos and vicinity, was Casper Mesker. He was born in Germany and came as one of the early pioneers to Allen County. He worked on the canal in the early days, and assisted in the construction of the first church at Delphos, clearing the ground on which it was built. He was one of the

party who crossed the ocean with Father Bred-eick and was one of that pioneer priest's ready supporters. He settled a half mile east of the Delphos brewery, cleared a 40-acre homestead, added 36 acres more and lived there until his death, which occurred September 10, 1878. He married Clara Lause, an aunt of our subject, who is a daughter of Henry and Mary (Mesker) Lause. At the age of 85 years this lady still survives, residing in "Marbletown" Delphos. She tell many interesting tales of the early days here. One of the chief articles of diet was corn. In order to get it ground, one of the family was obliged to carry a bag of the grain on his back to Fort Jennings, in Putnam County. On many occasions Mrs. Mesker ground enough corn in her coffee mill to make cakes and then cooked her potatoes in the kettle which later had to serve as the coffee boiler.



WILLIAM R. COON, whose valuable farm of 180 acres is situated in section 34, in a most desirable part of Amanda township, belongs to one of the old families of pioneer settlers in this part of Ohio. Mr. Coon was born January 27, 1843, and is a son of George J. and Juliet (Decoursey) Coon.

George S. Coon, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Pennsylvania in 1783, and died in Allen County in 1873. He married Christiana Moore, of Kentucky. They moved into Ohio at a very early day and settled first at Bellefontaine. In 1832 they moved to Shawnee township, Allen County, and located in section 4, on Hog Creek, securing the land from the government. The country was still wild and practically unsettled, Indians still roaming over the country in search of game. George S. Coon and wife had 11 children, George J., the father of our subject, being the third in order of birth. These worthy pioneers lived in to old age, the grandfather attaining 90 years. They were buried in Shawnee township.

George J. Coon was born in 1820 and his wife in 1825. In their deaths they were not long separated, both passing away in 1885. They





FRANK COLUCCI





reared a large family, those who reached maturity being: William R.; Mrs. Margaret Jane Jones, of Kansas; D. F., of California; Caroline O., a widow; and Rachel A., Charles A., Joshua S. and Mrs. Calista Cowdry, who reside in Kansas, all being married except Joshua S.

William R. Coon was eight years old when his parents moved from Shawnee to Amanda township. At that time trading was done at Piqua. As far as school opportunities were afforded, Mr. Coon had very little chance, and since the age of 12 years he has depended upon his own resources. He worked with the tools and agricultural machinery of his day and locality, the old-time axe, cradle, and hoe, and in young manhood was able to split rails and chop cord-wood as effectively as any of his companions. In February, 1864, at the age of 21 years, he enlisted in the 74th Regiment, Ohio Vol. Inf., in the Army of the Tennessee, and served until the close of the war, being honorably discharged at Louisville, Kentucky. He served with Sherman, through the Carolinas to the sea, and was at the Grand Review at Washington. He then returned home and farmed his father's land for two years.

In 1867 Mr. Coon settled on a tract of land, right in the woods, in Amanda township, on which his son William resides, just south of his own comfortable farm residence. This land has all been cleared through his own industry, and he has assisted in every possible way in developing the resources of Amanda township. Great changes have been brought about since he first settled here. He has served two terms as township trustee, has been a justice of the peace for three terms, has been school director and is one of the reliable and substantial men of his locality, whose word and opinion bear weight.

Mr. Coon was married first to Jane Place, a daughter of James Place, who at the age of 90 years resides in Oklahoma Territory. She died in 1884. Her children were: William, who married Effa Hutchinson; Lenora, wife of Solomon Moorman, whose daughter Grace married Ira Hillyard and has two children; Susan, who married Julius Fetter and has one

child; Jane, who married Charles Hover and has one child; Elmer, who married Dora Sawmiller and has two children; Belva, wife of Richard Ward; and Alma, who married John Lowry, of Spencerville, and has one child. Mr. Coon was married, second, to Lucinda Brandyberry. In religious belief Mr. Coon is a Christian Scientist, a zealous follower of Mrs. Eddy.

**F**RANK COLUCCI, one of Lima's well-known business men, who has been prominently identified with railroad construction for a number of years, was born July 3, 1863, in Italy, a country which has contributed many useful and successful citizens to the United States.

Mr. Colucci was educated in his own land and was a youth of 19 years when, in 1882, he set foot on American soil. The 24 years which have intervened have been busy ones for Mr. Colucci, and he has demonstrated that a man's nationality has little to do with his ultimate success. From New York he entered the employ of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company and continued with that corporation for three years, going then to Green County, Wisconsin, with Drake & Stratton, railroad contractors. After two years with them he was connected with the Illinois Central for a year, and in the fall of 1888 located in Chicago, where he was engaged in construction work until the summer of 1889—the time of his coming to Lima. Here he became foreman for the construction of the Columbus, Lima & Milwaukee Railway (now the Columbus, & Lake Michigan), in the employ of the late Benjamin C. Faurot, and then secured a large construction contract on the road between Findlay and Kenton. Here he employed about 60 men and concluded the contract in January, 1890.


Mr. Colucci then returned to Lima and for the first time since coming to America made what seemed a bad bargain. One of his countrymen was in the fruit business here, having stores opposite the Court House and on East Market street, and to him Mr. Colucci loaned the sum of \$200. His compatriot did not suc-





ceed in his ventures and in order to secure his hard-earned money Mr. Colucci was obliged to take over the fruit business on East Market street. He placed his brother in charge of the enterprise, as his abilities lay in an entirely different direction. On March 22, 1890, he was engaged by the Chicago & Atlantic Railroad to furnish laborers for construction; in the fall of the same year the Chicago & Erie assumed control of the C. & A. road, and he has been with the Erie ever since as a contractor of labor. He has also taken grading contracts and has had business relations with the Standard Oil Company and the Pennsylvania lines. He is so reliable that large corporations know that a contract will be carried out to the letter, if he takes charge of it.

On June 22, 1904, Mr. Colucci was married to Rosina Fusco, also of Italian birth. Mr. Colucci has invested largely in Lima real estate, belongs to the Lima Progressive Association and is one of the representative business men of the city, whose industry, honesty and ability have earned him an enviable standing. His portrait accompanies this sketch.

COTT NEELY, of Allentown, is one of the best known residents of German township. He was born August 3, 1861, in German township, Allen County, Ohio, and is still a resident of the township, his home farm containing 10 acres in section 24, while he is also the owner of a farm of 120 acres in section 23, besides property in the village of Allentown. Mr. Neely's parents were James and Mary Catherine (Barrick) Neely, both of whom were pioneers of Allen County. His grandfather, Thomas Neely, was born in Hanover, Germany, and was a boy in years when his parents became residents of Allen County. Scott Neely's maternal grandparents were William and Mary Barrick, of German township.

James Neely, our subject's father, was a volunteer in the Civil War, being in the service four years and eight months. He reared a family of seven children, all of whom are liv-

ing, namely: Frank, William, Charles, Scott, Alice, wife of W. F. Rathell; Margaret, wife of Frank Kruse; and Ida May, who was first married to Col. E. Hains and after his death to J. L. Fantz.

Scott Neely is a man of resources, having been engaged in a number of enterprises in Allen County, and it would be difficult to say in which he has met with most success. He has bought and sold horses; he has been engaged in crying sales and is one of the best auctioneers in this vicinity; for more than 20 years he was engaged in hauling straw for the American Straw Board Company, of Lima, and when the plant of that company was destroyed by fire, it was Mr. Neely who was selected out of a crowd of 70 men to act as foreman at a good salary to oversee the laborers in their work of tearing down the ruins. Since then he has bought a hay-baler and buys up hay and straw which he bales and ships to all parts of the country. He also sells wood, which is cut and hauled from his own land. His farm is known as the old T. T. Mitchell farm. While Mr. Neely operates the farm, he has leased the oil privileges to Thomas Mitchell, of Lima.

Mr. Neely was first married December 31, 1883, to Sarah Bruner, daughter of Martin and Sarah Bruner, of Auglaize County. She died October 30, 1886, leaving two children, Clem, who was born August 17, 1884, and lives at home; and Neva Etta, born September 16, 1887, who married A. T. Whyman in June, 1903, lives in Wapakoneta, Ohio, and has two children—Opal Beatrice and Ola May. On January 5, 1897, Mr. Neely was married to Lydia Cary, daughter of Henry and Rebecca Cary. Her father was born in Hanover, Germany, and came to America when six years old, locating in Allen County, Ohio. The children of the second marriage were as follows: Cary May, born September 4, 1897; Cecil Marie, born February 27, 1899; Lester Lloyd, born February 27, 1901; Russell Earl, born April 20, 1903; and Oliver, born April 17, 1905. Mr. Neely is a Democrat. At present he is serving on the School Board. He is a trustee of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Allentown and is treasurer of the Epworth League





and of the Sunday-school. He was formerly president of the Epworth League and has been an efficient teacher in the Sunday-school for the past 10 years. Fraternally he is a member of Solar Lodge, No. 783, I. O. O. F., of Lima.

**F**RANK A. EATON, one of the prominent and honorable citizens of Bluffton, who served as mayor from 1903 to 1905, and who for years has been engaged in a successful real estate, loan and insurance business, was born near Bucyrus, Crawford County, Ohio, April 30, 1857, and is a son of James H. and Mary Ann (McWilliams) Eaton.

The late James H. Eaton was a farmer and large land-owner in Allen County for a number of years, coming here from Crawford County in 1866. He bought a farm of 350 acres, a great part of which is now included within the corporate limits of Bluffton. He died here in 1894, at the advanced age of 84 years. He was prominent both in Crawford and Allen counties, being the first judge of probate elected in the former county, and the first one in the State after the office was created. He served one term as mayor of Bluffton, and throughout life was an honorable, public-spirited citizen. In politics he was a Democrat. He married Mary Ann McWilliams and their family consisted of four sons and two daughters, Frank A. being the third member in order of birth.

Frank A. Eaton was nine years old when his parents came to Bluffton. He was educated in the public schools and at the Ohio Normal University at Ada, spending two years at the latter school. After a few years of farming he went into the mercantile business, in which his ability and honorable methods brought him success, and through which he became widely acquainted. In 1897 he embarked in his present line, that of insurance, real estate and investments. The other lines of his business are carried on with the same energy which has characterized his whole business career.

Mr. Eaton has always been a good Democrat and has been more or less a party leader in

this locality for some years. He has served several terms as township clerk of Richland township, and in 1903 was elected mayor of Bluffton for a term of two years, by a substantial majority.

In 1879 Mr. Eaton was united in marriage with Nellie Bartlett, who was born in Pennsylvania, and is a daughter of Ransom and Sophia Bartlett. They have one son, Ross, who is in business at Independence, Kansas.

Mr. Eaton is a popular member of a number of the fraternal organizations of the country, including among these the Knights of Pythias, Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Modern Woodmen of America.

**H.** CORY, president of the Superior Brick Company, has been a resident of Lima for almost a quarter of a century. He was born in Morris County, New Jersey, December 26, 1839, and is a son of James Cory, formerly well known in railroad circles.

Until 16 years old, our subject lived on the home farm in Morris County. The family then moved to Paterson and the youth entered upon an apprenticeship in the Cook Locomotive Works, which covered four years, nine months and 17 days. As a machinist he then became connected with the old Camden & Amboy Railroad, now the Pennsylvania, but one year later came West in search of fortune, and entered the Illinois Central Railroad shops at Centralia, Illinois. He worked for three months as a machinist and then was foreman there for four and a half years. For six and a half years more he held the same position in the shops at Cairo, still later being advanced to the position of division master mechanic for the Illinois Central Railroad at Champaign, Illinois. Mr. Cory continued to advance, being rapidly promoted from one important position to another. He became general master mechanic at Carmi, for the Cairo & Vincennes Railroad, serving two years, and going from there to Marshalltown, Iowa, as master mechanic for the Iowa Central for two years; thence to Portsmouth, Ohio, as master mechanic for the Scioto Valley Railroad; thence, two years





later, to Fostoria, as superintendent of construction for the "Nickle Plate"; 18 months later he went to Saratoga, New York, as superintendent of the Boston, Hoosac Tunnel & Western, for four years; and then came to Lima as superintendent of the motor power of the C., H. & D. Railway. After serving in this capacity for 19 years, he gave up railroad work.

Since February, 1905, Mr. Cory has given his attention to his many personal business interests, many of these being of a very important nature. He is president of the Superior Brick Company, is a director in the National Roofing Tile Company, is vice-president of the Lima Home Savings Association, is a director of the Metropolitan Bank and is one of the trustees of the Lima Hospital.

Mr. Cory was married in the spring of 1870 to Mary L. Young, who is a daughter of Rufus Young, formerly a prominent railroad man. They have five children, viz: Charles H., an electrician at Dayton; Louis H., with the Pacific Coast Pipe Line Company, at Mendota, California; Frederick R., a machinist at Lima; Carrie M., wife of M. C. Purtscher, bookkeeper in the Metropolitan Bank; and James, a chemist, in charge of the acid department of one of the large refineries here.

For years Mr. Cory has been one of the trustees of the Market Street Presbyterian Church. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge at Cairo, Illinois. He is identified with the Republican party; but his many private interests have precluded great activity in public affairs. Like many other successful men, Mr. Cory has risen step by step, by persevering industry, close attention to the duty in hand, and by the exercise of those kindly instincts which have brought him many friends.



M. GOODING, the leading shoe merchant at Lima, where he has been established since 1881, was born in 1858 at Delaware, Ohio, and is a son of the late Mathew Gooding, formerly a farmer at Delaware, where he died in 1902.

E. M. Gooding was reared in his native

place and attended school until 17 years of age. He then became a partner in a mercantile enterprise, conducted under the firm name of Beathridge & Gooding, and located at Lewis Center, a small town south of Delaware. The business was continued there for five years, following which Mr. Gooding came to Lima, on November 16, 1881, and established himself in the shoe business at No. 230 North Main street, where he has continued until the present time. He has a fine business location, carries a complete line of goods and enjoys the largest patronage in the city. He has additional business interests and is a representative of the commercial men of Lima.

On September 8, 1886, Mr. Gooding was married to Anna De Grief, who is a daughter of Jacob De Grief, a prominent politician of Tuscarawas County. They have two sons, Fred E. and Joseph D., the former of whom is a student at Hamilton College. The family belong to the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Gooding is a 32nd degree Mason and belongs to the Commandery, Chapter and Council at Lima and to the Consistory at Cincinnati. He belongs also to the Elks and the Knights of Pythias. He is a member of the Shawnee Country Club and the Lima Progressive Association.



M. HALE, a successful business man and leading jeweler of Lima, was born May 4, 1835, in Wilmington, Clinton County, Ohio, his father being William Hale, one of the best known citizens of that county. William Hale built the Court House in Clinton and was a prominent man during his lifetime.

E. M. Hale remained in his native county until 1858, when he entered a jeweler's shop to learn the trade, and in November of that year went to Lebanon, Ohio, to engage in the business for himself. He was a member of the firm of Baker & Hale for 10 years, when Mr. Baker retired and his place was taken by a Mr. West, the new firm being known as Hale & West. They added a line of books to their





stock of jewelry and built up a brisk business, conducting it together about 10 years, when Mr. West purchased the entire business. Mr. Hale then opened another store where he handled jewelry and musical instruments about three years, until October 3, 1881, when he came to Lima and located his present enterprise on the Public Square. During the quarter of a century in which he has been established in Lima, he has built up a reputation for reliability and integrity that it would be difficult to equal, and his business has flourished to a remarkable degree. He has been ably assisted in his business by J. W. Puetz, who has been confidential clerk and manager for more than 24 years.

Mr. Hale was married in 1872 to Mrs. Frances Van Note, widow of William Van Note, formerly Frances A. Pauley. They have one child, Helen M., wife of E. B. Edmonds, a prominent merchant of Bluffton, Indiana, to whom Mr. Hale has given the business established by him at a previous date. Mr. Hale is a member of the Knights of Pythias (Uniform Rank), Independent Order of Odd Fellows (both subordinate lodge and encampment) and the Blue Lodge, Chapter and Council of Free and Accepted Masons.

**J**AMES L. HEATH, postmaster at Herring (village of LaFayette), is engaged in the grain and fuel business. He is a native of this county, having been born in LaFayette, March 14, 1858. His parents were Samuel G. and Mary D. (Hadsell) Heath, who came from Massachusetts at an early day and settled in Ashtabula, Ohio, later removing to Allen County. The parents of Mrs. Heath came to this county in 1832, and she lived in Lima when the present Public Square was covered with dense timber and there were less than a dozen houses in the town. She was the mother of 10 children, nine of whom she reared to maturity and saw happily married. Four of the sons and one daughter are residents of this county and in comfortable circumstances.

Mr. Heath had but meagre opportunities for obtaining an education, being unable to attend school after his 12th year; but he was given a thorough business training, which has enabled him to become a practical man of affairs and to make his way in the commercial world. When he was 12 years of age, he became a clerk in a general store and later entered the employ of Owen & Treat as clerk in their dry goods store at Lima. He remained in their employ three years. When he was 20 years old he returned to LaFayette and engaged in the grain business with N. R. Park at his present stand. The business flourished and 14 years later he became sole proprietor, handling grain, seed, coal, wool, flour and feed. Later he became a partner of C. A. Graham and put in a stock of general merchandise, which has proved to be a good investment.

Mr. Heath was married February 9, 1881, to Sarah E. Knoble, who was born at Mount Eaton, Ohio, April 12, 1858, and is a daughter of Samuel and Jane E. (Chiddester) Knoble. Her father was a native of Switzerland, coming to this country when a boy. There are five children in the Heath family, viz.: Olive B., wife of A. M. Barber, who is in the employ of his father-in-law; Avery C., who died at the age of eight years; and Ralph L., Paul Marvin and James Richard, aged respectively, 16, 11, and 4 years.

Mr. Heath is a Republican and has been elected township treasurer in a township that is strongly Democratic. He enjoyed the distinction which has never been accorded another of holding every treasurership in the township at one time, viz: treasurer of the township; of the township's school funds; of the special school district; of the village corporation and of Sager Lodge, No. 513, F. & A. M. He was appointed postmaster of Herring (village of LaFayette), August 2, 1898, and has been retained in office since. He has served on the auditing committee, appointed by the probate judge, to examine the accounts of the county treasurer. He is a member of the Christian Church and has ordered all the supplies for the Sunday-school for the past 10





years. He assisted in building the new church and was one of three on the pastoral committee. He is a member of Sager Lodge, No. 513, F. & A. M.; Order of the Eastern Star; I. O. O. F. and Rebekahs.



**D. CARPENTER**, vice-president and general manager of the Western Ohio Railway Company, has been a resident of Lima since 1900. He was born in Cuyahoga County, Ohio, in July, 1850, and is a son of Richard and Mary J. (Dimock) Carpenter.

Richard Carpenter, father of F. D., was born in Dover, Vermont, and was a son of John Carpenter, one of the first settlers on the Cuyahoga River. He made the journey from New England with an ox team, but did not settle in the rich valley land, thinking the sandy soil not adapted to agriculture. He established his home some 11 miles from the river, in the midst of the forest. In association with Judge Coe, another of the first settlers, he bought up a large tract of country and a part of this was later cleared, laid out and sold to settlers, and thus the town of Dover, named for the old Vermont home, came into being. The mother of our subject was a daughter of Rev. Solomon Dimock, one of the pioneer Baptist ministers of Ohio, who rode over a wide circuit and encountered many hardships in order to fill appointments in isolated regions.

F. D. Carpenter's schooling included several terms at Oberlin College; but he grew up on a farm from which he did not move until 25 years of age, when he engaged in the flouring-mill business at Cedar Point, Ohio. He remained in that business for seven years and then organized the Walton Fertilizing Company, which was incorporated with a capital stock of \$20,000, and began the manufacture of fertilizers. Mr. Carpenter was president of the company and owned three-fifths of the stock and continued to push this business for eight years. It was during this time that he organized the Cleveland & Elyria Electric Railway, which was afterward consolidated

and operated as the Cleveland & Southwestern Traction Company. He was associated with L. M. Coe and continued a member of the board of directors of the former road until he came to Lima, still retaining an interest in the latter company. He was also one of the promoters and general manager of the Cleveland & Chagrin Falls Railway, which he operated for one year.

In 1899 Mr. Carpenter came to Lima to secure the right of way and to build the Western Ohio Railway, and he has been superintendent of all its work ever since. A company was formed and incorporated with a capital stock of \$3,000,000, with E. A. Akins, of Cleveland as president and Mr. Carpenter, as vice-president and general manager. This road extends from Piqua to Findlay, with branches from Wapakoneta to St. Marys and Celina, Bremen and Minster, with a total mileage of 112 miles. Mr. Carpenter is also a director in the Ohio Central Traction Company. His fine homestead is situated 12 miles west of Cleveland.

Mr. Carpenter was married, in 1872, to Levia A. Coe, who is a daughter of the late Judge Coe, mentioned before as one of the early settlers of Cuyahoga County, and they have two children, viz: Richard H., a graduate of the Cleveland Business College, who is general passenger agent of the Western Ohio Railway Company; and Harriet, who is the wife of Howard Storer, who is in the insurance and real estate business in Cleveland. Mr. Carpenter and family belong to Pilgrim Church, of Cleveland. He takes no active part in politics, but served as township trustee while living on the farm. He belongs to the Masonic order.



**H. TOMPKINS**, the well-known dealer in staple and fancy groceries at No. 236 South Pine street, Lima, is one of the progressive business men of the city. He was born in Mifflin County, Pennsylvania, July 24, 1845, and is a son of Joel Tompkins.

The father of Mr. Tompkins was born in Pennsylvania and for 18 years was a car-





builder, in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, at Altoona, where he was also a prominent citizen and a member of the City Council. At the opening of the Civil War Joel Tompkins enlisted as a private in the Pennsylvania Reserves, but later resigned, having in the interim been promoted to a 2nd lieutenancy. He then reenlisted in the 20th Regiment, Pennsylvania Vol. Cav., and for a time was in charge of the commissary department of the regiment. His death took place in 1884.

W. H. Tompkins was reared and educated in Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania, and left school when 18 years of age in order to enlist for service in the Civil War. His first service of six months was in Company E, 20th Reg., Pennsylvania Vol. Cav., during which time he was engaged mainly in West Virginia. On August 29, 1864, he reenlisted in Company F, 19th Reg., Pennsylvania Vol. Cav., at Memphis, Tennessee, and took part in the closing campaigns of the war in Alabama, Mississippi and Tennessee. He was discharged in June, 1865, having served his country with loyalty and devotion. Mr. Tompkins then returned to Huntingdon County and entered the railroad shops at Altoona, where he worked as a car-builder until 1881, when he came to Lima and resumed work of the same kind in the shops of the L. E. & W. Railroad. Here he was made assistant foreman, in which position he continued until 1887 when he was placed in charge of the car-building department. Mr. Tompkins continued in this responsible position until he retired from the service in April, 1905, after an association of 24 years with this company, during 17 of which he was in charge of the car department. The department in which he was most interested was at that time moved to the shops at Collinwood; but Mr. Tompkins had made investments at Lima and had formed pleasant social ties here and was not disposed to change his home. Hence he entered into a new line of business, opening up a fine grocery store which has prospered from the beginning.

Mr. Tompkins was married September 17, 1865, to Clara Johnston, who died in August,

1901, leaving five children, viz: Emma, wife of J. F. Van Horn, of Lima; Laura May, widow of W. H. McClellan, a railroad fireman who was killed while on duty; Charles E., a carpenter; A. J., in charge of the "Red Cross" drug-store at Lima; and William Roy, a machinist in the L. E. & W. Railroad shops at Lima. On October 7, 1903, Mr. Tompkins was married to Sarah McClellan, who is a daughter of John McClellan, a retired citizen of Lima.

Mr. Tompkins is a member of the order of Odd Fellows and belongs also to the Mart Armstrong Post, No. 202, G. A. R. He is a member of the First Baptist Church of Lima.

**J**ACOB HALL, a veteran farmer of Monroe township, owning 110 acres of land in sections 26 and 35, to the improvement of which he has devoted the past 50 years, was born in Hunterdon County, New Jersey, October 5, 1830. His parents moved to Carroll County, Ohio, when he was three years old and one year later settled in Tuscarawas County where they lived for about 12 years, coming to Allen County in 1854. His parents were William and Christina (Smith) Hall, natives of New Jersey. They were farmers and owned about 300 acres of land in Monroe township. The father died at the age of 74 years, while the wife reached her 87th year. They were the parents of nine children, namely: Delila, Mary, John, Abraham, Diadama (Lackey), Sarah Ann, Jacob, Salinda (Jennings) and Isaac. Except our subject and Mrs. Jennings, who resides in Cuyahoga County, Ohio, these children have all passed away.

Jacob Hall resided with his parents until his 24th year, renting his father's farm for two years previous to purchasing his present property of 110 acres. At the time of purchase, this land was covered with a heavy growth of timber, all of which has since been cleared off. The property has all been put under cultivation except about 25 acres of pasture land. During the war, Mr. Hall was





extensively engaged in shipping stock, but has since been doing general farming and has improved his place until it is among the best in the vicinity.

Mr. Hall was married August 16, 1855, to Harriet Wallace, who was born in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, April 29, 1836, and came to Allen County 10 years later with her parents, who were John and Rebecca (Poyer) Wallace, of Northumberland County, Pennsylvania. They died in Allen County. The mother had one daughter by a previous marriage and four children by her union with John Wallace, namely: Charles, of Van Wert County; Harriet; William, of Monroe township; and John M., who moved to Kansas, where he died. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hall, as follows: Hilas, who died at the age of 32 years; Annetta Bell, wife of Albert Herron; Rebecca Alice, wife of Adam Roberts, of Columbus Grove; Christina, wife of Jacob Miller; and William O. Except Mrs. Roberts, all the children live in Monroe township, the son living on 40 acres of the homestead. Mr. Hall has been a Republican since casting his ballot for Gen. John C. Fremont. He is a member of the Methodist Church and a man universally respected and esteemed.



L. McCLAIN, who is engaged in the mercantile business at Lima, belongs to one of the pioneer families of Allen County. He was born in 1866 in Perry township, and is a son of Isaac and Mary (Crumrine) McClain.

Isaac McClain was born in 1837 on the McClain homestead, one and a half miles north of Lima, and is a son of Andrew and Nancy McClain. The former was born near Lancaster, Fairfield County, Ohio, and was a son of Thomas McClain, who came to Allen County in 1832 and located in Bath township, where few of his contemporaries still live. Not one tree on that land had yet fallen by the hand of man on the farm which he cleared and where

he died in 1842. His wife survived him until 1873. They had nine children and Isaac was the seventh of the family.

Isaac McClain went first to school in a church in Lima, and then to a select school kept on the old farm in a little log building, which had been constructed for the purpose. After the death of his father, he remained at home with his mother until his marriage, and then moved to the McDonel place. Here he lived one year and then built a shanty on the site of his present comfortable residence. His wife owned 40 acres and Isaac McClain bought 40 east and 80 west, thus making a very fair-sized farm. In 1873 the present excellent home was built, which is supplied with gas from the wells flowing on the place.

In 1864 Isaac McClain married Mary Crumrine, who was born September 20, 1841, and is a daughter of Martin and Catherine (Brocies) Crumrine. The nine children born to this marriage were: Lucinda, wife of U. C. Apple, born September 21, 1864; William Leonard, born November 15, 1866; Charles Albert, born December 13, 1868; Henry Edward, born April 13, 1871; Florence May, born September 10, 1873; John Timothy, born March 6, 1875; Roscoe Franklin, born March 31, 1877; George Webster, born May 23, 1879; and Minnie Rachel, born March 10, 1886.

The farm occupied by Mr. McClain is known as the "Central Ridge Farm," where great attention is paid to the breeding of fine sheep. Mr. McClain owns a very valuable full-bred Shropshire sheep, which was bred by Carpenter, of Toronto. Politically he is a Republican. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

William Leonard McClain, our immediate subject, was reared and prepared for college in Allen County, and spent two years at the Tri-State Normal School at Angola, Indiana. After completing his collegiate course, he went into business in the oil field of his native State and continued thus engaged for 14 years. In 1901 Mr. McClain came to Lima and embarked in the grocery business under the firm name of W. L. McClain & Company. He car-



ries a complete stock of both staple and fancy groceries, at his location, No. 720 South Main street.

In 1890 Mr. McClain was married to Florence A. Jamison, who is a daughter of A. W. Jamison, who has interests in the Ohio oil fields. Mr. and Mrs. McClain have two children, viz: Merlin Bonard, born March 22, 1902; and Mildred, born August 4, 1905. He is a member of the Odd Fellows. In political sentiment he is a Republican and at the present writing (1905) is the nominee of his party for the City Council as councilman-at-large.

**W**ILLIAM WILSON, a respected citizen of Lima, member of the Board of Public Service and a leader in Democratic politics, was born in 1851 in Scotland, and came to America when a youth of 18 years.

Although Mr. Wilson was not much more than a boy when he landed in a strange country, he was already provided with a self-supporting trade, that of blacksmith. He had been left an unprotected orphan when 10 years of age, and from that time to the present he has made his own way in the world. It was pretty hard at first, working in a brick-yard where all the bricks were made by hand and he could earn but three pence a day; but Scotch pluck provided the courage and he managed to improve his condition gradually and, as stated, learned the blacksmith trade. He located first at Detroit, Michigan, and immediately found work with the Detroit Bridge & Iron Works, remaining with that company for three years. He then went to Adrian, Michigan, for a short season, and then to Aurora, Illinois. There he worked for some 18 months in the shops of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, and then went to Elkhart, Indiana, where he found employment in the shops of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway for a shore time; later he returned to Adrian, Michigan, and was assistant foreman in the railroad shops there for 12 years.

Mr. Wilson then came to Lima and still

continued in the railroad shops for about seven years and since then has been foreman for The Sinclair & Morrison Company's shops. For nine years he was also interested in a shoe business on the corner of Main and Kibby streets, this enterprise not interfering with his employment at his trade. Mr. Wilson is one of the directors in the South Side Building & Loan Association. In 1905 he was nominated by the Democratic party for membership on the Board of Public Service at Lima, and was elected by a majority of 449, although the city is considered Republican.

Mr. Wilson was married November 15, 1870, to Mary Viola Hill, who is a daughter of Cyrus Hill, and they have one daughter, Margaret, who is the wife of Edward Helser, a photographer at Lima.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson are members of the Main Street Presbyterian Church, and he is a member of the board of trustees. He belongs to the Masons and to the Odd Fellows.

**A**BIA JOHN, deceased, for many years one of the most highly respected residents of German township, was born in Ross County, Ohio, October 14, 1831, and was a son of Griffith John, one of the first settlers of Allen County, whose sketch may be found in the general history of German township in Chapter VII of this work.

Abia John was about one year old when he was brought to Allen County, by his parents, who located in German township, where he was reared and educated. He learned the trade of carpenter; but remained at home, assisting his father on the farm until he reached his majority. Preferring to work at his trade rather than on a farm, he then went to Illinois and remained in that State for four years, working at various points as a carpenter, and at the end of this period returning to Allen County. The death of his father followed shortly after, and on his mother's behalf the young man then took upon himself the management of the general store, which his father had conducted so successfully.

On October 18, 1857, Mr. John was mar-





ried to Phoebe Ann Myers, who is a daughter of Silas and Matilda (Bowman) Myers. The Myers family moved from Butler County to Allen County in 1850. Mrs. John was born in Butler County, March 27, 1841, and was nine years of age when the family located in German township, where she was reared and married. One of her brothers, David H. Myers, resides in Marion township, Allen County. He married Mary Ella Mounts, a daughter of Rev. James Mounts, of Van Wert. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. John were: Ulysses Franklin, born October 1, 1858, who died at the age of 28 years; David Newton, born June 28, 1860, who also died at the age of 28 years; Olive Matilda, born December 7, 1861, also deceased at the age of 28 years; Silas Meeker, born October 9, 1863, who died aged 22 years; Jehu Mounts, born August 19, 1865, who resides with his mother—he married Carrie Conrad, of Elida, who died April 2, 1890, and was laid to rest in Greenlawn Cemetery, near Elida; Martha Evelyn, born June 14, 1867, who married George Copus, of Elida, and died in 1900, leaving two children—Howard Ray and Guy Edgar; Jesse Roberts, born September 8, 1869, who is single and resides at home; Ella May, born September 28, 1871, who married James Wesley Johns and lives at Findlay, Ohio; Tirza Arvilla, born June 23, 1876, who married Clinton Shock, of Texas, and has one child—Chadwick Emerson; Emma Annetta, born March 21, 1879, died aged 16 years; and Pauline Myrtle, born April 11, 1881, who resides with her mother and brothers on the old homestead.

Abia John died November 24, 1903, and his burial was in Greenlawn Cemetery, by the side of his deceased children. The death of the two oldest sons had weighed heavily upon him, both of them being promising young men of sterling character. David Newton John was educated at the university at Lebanon, while his brother was educated at Delaware. Both brothers taught school and David Newton John was superintendent of four schools in Texas.

The death of Abia John removed from

German township one of its most exemplary citizens. He was a man of character and integrity, honest in his dealings with his fellowmen, kind in his treatment of his family and true in every relation of life. His widow, who resides in Elida, is a lady very highly esteemed and on account of her gentle and kind neighborliness is known to every one as "Aunt Ann." Mr. John was a steward in the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was no politician but served on the School Board.

**J**ACOB KISSEL, one of the leading merchants of Lima, in the line of staple and fancy groceries and choice meats, with store located at Nos. 945-947 West High street, was born in Defiance County, Ohio, in 1854, and is a son of the late Jacob Kissel, who was identified with the business interests of Bryan, Ohio, for many years.

Our subject was reared at Bryan, Ohio, and after he completed his education learned the butcher's business. In 1879 he went West and spent four years at Leadville, Colorado, where he engaged in mining and was also interested in a meat business. In 1883 he returned to Bryan for a short season and then came to Lima, where he entered the employ of a Mr. Brunt, in the meat business. Later, in association with J. C. Schwartz, he purchased the business, and for six years it was conducted under the firm name of Kissel & Schwartz, when the latter partner retired from the firm and Mr. Kissel continued alone until 1900. For several years he remained practically out of business, but resumed in 1905, establishing his present grocery and meat market. By his long experience he has become well acquainted with the demands of the public, and he carries a very complete and well-assorted stock, catering to the best trade of the neighborhood.

In 1886 Mr. Kissel was married to Kate Koch, who died in 1902, leaving four children, namely: Lenore, William, Florence and Mabel, all students in the Lima schools. The fam-








THOMAS J. EDWARDS





ily belong to the German Reformed Church. Mr. Kissel is a member of the Royal Arcanum and the Elks.

HOMAS J. EDWARDS, clerk of the courts of Allen County, whose portrait accompanies this sketch, is one of the county's most popular officials. He was born at Gomer, Allen County, Ohio, on the 20th day of June, 1871, of Welsh parentage and is a son of Isaac D. and Elizabeth E. Edwards, who were residents of this county for many years. Our subject's father, who was an extensive merchant at Gomer, died in 1892, at Chattanooga, Tennessee; his widow still survives, as do also three of their family of six children.

At the age of 12 years, Thomas J. Edwards began earning his own way. During school vacations he would drive a mule in the coal mines, receiving for his work very liberal pay for one who would take up the work at that age. At the age of 14 years Mr. Edwards attended Grant University at Chattanooga, Tennessee, for two terms. Soon after this, his father embarked in business as a merchant, conducting a large store at Chattanooga, Tennessee, with a full line of stoves and hardware, and also a large tinning and cornice establishment. Taking advantage of this opportunity, Thomas learned the tinner's trade and completed his trade under his father. He was of pleasant address and was gifted with excellent business ideas; these facts coming to the attention of the Southern Construction Company, he was engaged for four years as a commercial traveler. After severing his relation with this company, he came back to Lima, Ohio, and visited relatives and friends at Gomer, returning to Lima on the 2nd day of January, 1894. He at once secured a position as a clerk in a shoe store, afterwards going with the firm of Hoover Brothers. Two years later he took up his old position as a commercial traveler and thus continued to be engaged until 1902. In this year at the urgent requests of his many friends, he became a candidate for the office of county clerk. Although there never before had

been a contest for the nomination on the Republican ticket for a county office, a lively contest was now precipitated, as two of the most prominent men of Allen County aspired for the nomination; Mr. Edwards received the nomination on the third ballot. After the nomination, he went out and campaigned the county, man to man and was elected clerk of the courts, he being the first Republican ever elected to the office in Allen County. His friends stood by him most loyally in this election and he did not forget them when he went into office. As the end of his term of three years approached, his friends again secured for him the Republican nomination and on November 7, 1905, he was reelected clerk of the courts with a majority of 1,559 votes, the largest majority ever given any county candidate, with the exception of one or two. It was a remarkable election; the State losing its Republican Governor, who was running for a second term, and the Democratic candidate for that office carrying Allen County by 1,490 votes; the city of Lima, normally Republican by 800 votes, being carried by the Democrats, who elected all of their candidates save one councilman. Mr. Edwards has proven himself to be a very active and progressive citizen. It was largely due to his efforts that Walter B. Richie was selected as a member of the commission to locate the site of the new State Hospital for the Insane. Owing to the over-crowded condition of the insane hospitals of the State, the General Assembly of 1903 empowered the Governor to appoint a non-partisan commission of five members to locate a site for a hospital for the insane. A public meeting of the citizens of Lima was called and the name of Walter B. Richie was selected and the same was presented to Governor Myron T. Herrick for his consideration. Mr. Richie was appointed a member of this commission on June 9, 1904. After visiting sites in different parts of the State, the commission's final decision was Allen County and the report was accepted by the Governor. The Governor will recommend to the next General Assembly that an appropriation be made to erect a State Hospital for the Insane, to be built in Allen County.

Mr. Edwards was united in marriage with



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Caroline M. Hoover, who is a daughter of John Hoover, a well-known citizen of Lima. They have one son, Louis B. Mrs. Edwards is a devoted member of the Catholic Church, while Mr. Edwards was reared a Congregationalist. Mr. Edwards' fraternal connections include the Elks, Odd Fellows, Modern Woodmen of America, Knights of Pythias, Maccabees and Eagles. He is 3d vice-president of the National Travelers' Protective Association of America and in 1906 he was elected president of the Clerks' Association of the State of Ohio and was further honored by being elected president of the organization of the county officials of the State of Ohio. His residence is No. 452 North West street, Lima. As county clerk, Mr. Edwards has met with public approval, giving close and careful attention to the duties of the office, which are of no light character, four assistants being required. He possesses genial qualities, which have made him a successful business man and which are very desirable in a public official.

**H**ARRY NEELEY, oil operator and oil contractor, at Lima, has been a resident of this city for the past 15 years. He was born in this county in 1870, and is a son of H. C. Neeley.

The father of Mr. Neeley was born in Allen County, Ohio, in 1843, and is a son of William Neeley, one of the early pioneers of the county. H. C. Neeley was a farmer and also an oil contractor during his active years, but is now living in retirement at Ottawa.

Harry Neeley was reared on his father's farm and obtained his education in the local schools. Almost all of his business life has been devoted to oil interests. In 1895 he commenced to contract at Lima and through the Ohio oil field, and this has been his main occupation ever since. For the past seven years he has been associated with the Ohio Oil Company. He owns three separate sets of drilling tools and, with the exception of a few months, these have been in constant use ever since he has been engaged in the business.

On October 23, 1896, Mr. Neeley was mar-

ried to Della B. Johns, who is a daughter of T. W. Johns, of Lima. They have one son, Robert L.

Mr. Neeley is one of Lima's first-class citizens, although he devotes very little time to politics. For some years he has led a very busy life, and is probably as well posted on the different oil fields, their present value and future promise, as any man in this section. He belongs to Allen Lodge, No. 223, I. O. O. F., at Lima.

**J**AMES L. MAUS, the well-known wagon-maker of Lafayette, was born in Perry township, Allen County, Ohio, November 14, 1840, and is a son of Nicholas Dill and Elizabeth (Creps) Maus, who were natives of Maryland. The father was born in 1803 near where afterward was to be fought the battle of Gettysburg. He came to Ohio in 1832 and entered land in Perry township, Allen County, where he carried on farming for many years and also operated a sawmill which was run by water-power. He was a miller by trade and followed that business in his native State. He made his home in Perry township until he retired from active life when he spent some time in Fort Wayne and later returned to Westminster, this county, where he passed away at the age of 95 years. He was a Whig and later a Republican. His wife died in 1895 at the age of 85 years. There were four children, namely: William A., Margaret Elizabeth, Rebecca Barbara and James L. William A. served 12 months in the 180th Regiment, Ohio Vol, Inf., under Capt. Calvin S. Brice, and is now a resident of Vaughnsville, Putnam County, Ohio. Margaret Elizabeth became the wife of Samuel Moore and resided in Hardin County where she died about 1899. Rebecca Barbara married Taylor Hefner and lived in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

James L. Maus was the fourth and youngest of the family. He attended school until he was 14 when he learned the trade of a carpenter, at which he continued to work for several years. In 1867 he moved to LaFayette and began his wagon-making business, and has







MR. AND MRS. ADAM SIMONS



been thus engaged almost ever since. He operated a sawmill for some 12 years and also started a feed-mill, now run by his sons.

On April 13, 1869, he was married to Hannah E. Leatherman, daughter of Michael Leatherman, a prominent character of the early days of Allen County and for many years probate judge. Their children are Arthur Dill, a machinist and a member of the firm of Maus Brothers; Charles Vinton, who was killed in the mill when in his 17th year; Harry Page, another member of the firm of Maus Brothers; Frank H., who conducts a hotel at Fort Wayne, Indiana; Ruea Mrytle, who lives at home; Jesse Donald, who has great ability as a mechanic and is a photographer and electrician of Fort Wayne, Indiana, and two daughters who died in infancy. Mr. Maus is a Republican and cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln. He is a member of Sager Lodge, No. 513, F. & A. M., and was a member of the G. A. R. post until its disorganization.

In the Civil War Mr. Maus was in Company H, 81st Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf., under Capt. Charles M. Hughes and Colonel Morton; but after four months became ill with measles and was discharged on account of disability. As soon as he recovered he reenlisted in June, 1862, in Company E, 99th Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf., under Capt. John Walters and from that time was in the thickest of the fray, following Bragg's army and taking part in the battles at Stone River, Chickamauga, Chattanooga, Lookout Mountain and the Atlanta campaign, not missing an engagement in which his regiment participated. While waiting in 1865 for a transfer home from Salisbury, North Carolina, he was taken down with fever, which ended his army experiences.

**A**DAM SIMONS, prominent in the brick manufacturing line at Lima, has been one of the city's leading business men for a quarter of a century. He was born in Seneca County, Ohio, in 1844, and is a son of the late John Simons, who formerly was a substantial and well-known farmer of Upper Sandusky.

Mr. Simons spent all the earlier years of his

life on a farm in Wyandotte County, and there obtained his education. In 1872 he left home and removed to Delphos, where he engaged in the manufacture of brick until 1880, when he came to Lima. Here he found an excellent field for his industry and now stands at the head of the brick manufacturers of the city. The quality of his product has done its own advertising, and a canvass of Lima's most substantial structures will prove how large is his local trade.

In 1869 Mr. Simons was united in marriage with Maria Hoffman, who is a daughter of Eli Hoffman, a farmer of Upper Sandusky. They have reared a family of nine children; namely: Frank, who is in business at Lewistown, Illinois; Henry, who is the engineer of the Lima central fire department; Charles, who is chief engineer of the LaFayette (Indiana) Traction Company; Minnie, who is the wife of A. McPheron, of Lima; Perilla, who is the wife of E. F. Flaving, of Chicago; Rosa, who is the wife of Byron S. Langin, of Lima, employed in the Lake Erie & Western Railroad office; Bertha, living at home; Earl, who is employed at the Lima Locomotive Works; and Raymond, who is attending school. The inclinations of Mr. Simons' sons have led them into mechanics, where each one is giving an excellent account of himself.

In late years Mr. Simons has paid little attention to politics. Both he and his wife are members of St. John's Catholic Church. Their portraits accompany this sketch.

**C**APT. JOHN M. BINGHAM, auditor of the National Roofing Tile Company, of Lima, with offices in the Masonic Building, is one of the city's well-known and representative men.

He was born in 1865 at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and is a son of the late John M. Bingham and a member of one of the oldest families of Dauphin County, Pennsylvania.

Captain Bingham was reared in Warren County, in his native State, attending school until the age of 12 years. After working there on a farm for several years, he became a clerk in a general mercantile store at West





Newton. He clerked also at Jamestown, New York, and in 1882 was engaged for some months in the same line at Cherry Grove, during the period of the oil excitement at that point. From there he went to Bradford and again was connected with a mercantile establishment. Coming to Lima in 1887, he was for one year in a shoe business and for three years was interested in a grocery. In 1892 he entered the employ of the C., H. & D. Railway Company. He filled various positions with this corporation, finally becoming chief clerk to C. H. Cory, who is chief of the department of motive power of this line. In April, 1905, he accepted the position of auditor with the National Roofing Tile Company and has a number of other interests.

Captain Bingham has been more or less prominent in military affairs ever since March 29, 1888, when he enlisted as a private in Company C, Second Regiment, Ohio National Guard, of which he was made corporal in 1891, sergeant in 1892, 2nd lieutenant, June 15, 1892, being recommissioned as lieutenant on June 15, 1897. On April 1, 1899, he was commissioned captain and adjutant on December 12, 1899. In June, 1903, he resigned, but was reappointed on June 20th. During the Spanish-American War he served as 2nd lieutenant of Company C, Second Ohio Infantry, U. S. Volunteers, from May 10, 1898, until February 10, 1899. During his term of service in the United States army his regiment was in camp at Knoxville, Chickamauga and Macon. He is one of the best-known military men, in connection with the State organization, in Northwestern Ohio.

On October 3, 1899, Captain Bingham was married to Catherine Lawlor, who is a daughter of P. H. Lawlor, of Lima. One son, Charles, has been born to this union.

Captain Bingham was a charter member of Lodge No. 436, Knights of Columbus, at Lima, and was its financial treasurer. He belongs also to the United Spanish War Veterans, and to the Knights of St. John. For many years he has been a member of St. Rose Catholic Church, and for an extended period was leader of its noted choir.



WILLIAM W. YOAKAM, one of the leading agriculturists of Bath township, has been a resident of the township for almost 60 years, and has a fine farm of 120 acres, located in sections 22 and 23. He was born May 31, 1821, in Virginia (now West Virginia), near Beverly, the county seat of Randolph County. He is a son of Jacob Yoakam and grandson of Michael Yoakam. The grandfather was among the early settlers of Randolph County, Virginia, and also of Ohio, as he located in Mount Vernon, Ohio, during his later years.

Jacob Yoakam was born in Randolph County, February 28, 1790, and spent his entire life there, with the exception of one year spent with his father in Knox County, Ohio. He was in the War of 1812, at which time he was stationed at Norfolk, Virginia. He was a planter of prominence, his plantation consisting of some 300 acres of valuable land. He married Jane Wamsley, who was born in the same county on July 25, 1790, and died at the age of 44 years, while Jacob Yoakam reached the extreme age of 98 years and 6 months. They reared a large family of children, viz: John, who was born February 18, 1812 and died at the age of 93 years; Mary born August 13, 1813, who was also past 93 years of age when she died; Jonathan, born December 14, 1814, a resident of Homer, Ohio; Sarah, born July 29, 1816, who died at the age of 24; Jane, born April 24, 1818, who is a resident of Randolph County, West Virginia; William W., our subject; Eliza, born February 28, 1823, who resides in Randolph County, West Virginia; Matthew, born August 23, 1825, who is a wealthy retired citizen of Homer, Ohio, having an extensive acreage of some of the choicest land in Licking County, Ohio—he formerly shipped hogs to New York on a large scale and was the first man in Allen County to ship hogs by railroad; Washington, born June 26, 1827; Eliza, born August 19, 1829, who is now deceased; Jacob, born January 20, 1832, who resides near Beverly, West Virginia; and Rebecca, who died in infancy. The longevity of the Yoakam family is re-





markable. Of 12 children, four brothers and two sisters are still living, their ages ranging from 73 to 91 years, while as noted above, of those who died, one lived to be 93 and another to be more than 93 years of age.

William W. Yoakam remained on the farm with his parents until he was 22 years of age, when he removed to Licking County, Ohio, and rented a farm near Utica. Six years later he moved to a farm near Columbus Center, and in 1848 came to Allen County and bought his present farm of 120 acres in Bath township. A log cabin of one room had been built, but no attempt had been made to clear the timber which covered the tract. The deed which Mr. Yoakam holds this property is the oldest document of its kind in the township. He has the land all under cultivation and splendidly improved with good buildings.

Mr. Yoakam was married in 1847 to Nancy C. Channell, a native of Randolph County, Virginia. They had one child, Norton, who died about six years ago at Sidney, Ohio, where he had been in the railroad service for 14 years. Mr. Yoakam was a member of the Ohio National Guard just before the Civil War. His wife died just as his company and regiment was ready to start for Washington to guard that city, but he was able to secure a substitute and to remain at home. On September 8, 1864, he was married to Rebecca A. Chenoweth, who was born April 23, 1843, and is a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Vanthorn) Chenoweth. The fruits of this union were three children, namely: Allie, born October 27, 1865, who is the wife of William French, who has charge of Mr. Yoakam's farm; Nancy E., born August 1, 1868, who is the wife of Theron Hadsell, of Bath township; and Minta L., born December 27, 1872, who is the wife of William Faze, of Perry township. Mr. Yoakam's grandchildren are Charles and Bonnie Yoakam, Lee and Virgil Hadsell and Dorothy and Evon Faze. He was formerly a Democrat and voted for James K. Polk. Later he voted for John C. Fremont and Abraham Lincoln, and has ever since been an ardent Republican. He served as justice of the peace for six years and has held a num-

ber of minor offices. He is a member of the Christian Church, but was formerly affiliated with the Methodists during pioneer days until the society to which he belonged disbanded. He is hale and hearty, a splendid type of American manhood and might easily pass for a much younger man.

**H**ARRY A. ALBRECHT, proprietor of one of the largest clothing establishments in Lima, was born in Delaware, Ohio, and is a son of A. F. Albrecht, deceased. In 1865, when our subject was a child of four years, the family moved to Spencerville and there he was educated. At the age of 19 he secured a position as clerk in a clothing store in Lima and about a year later accepted a more desirable place with a similar establishment in Mansfield, where he remained there 10 years. He then turned his attention to other lines of industry, going to Chicago where for six and a half years he was associated with his brother, F. J. Albrecht, since deceased, in the publishing business. For one and a half years he was manager of the clothing department of a store in Youngstown, Ohio. On March 1, 1899, he moved to Lima and engaged in his present business, putting in a complete line of gent's furnishing goods and keeping a thoroughly first-class store. For the first five years the firm was Albrecht Brothers; but in 1904 our subject purchased the entire business and has since conducted it alone as H. A. Albrecht, "The American Clothier."

In April, 1885, Mr. Albrecht was married to Margaret B. Ackerman, daughter of G. P. Ackerman, formerly a leading business man of Mansfield, Ohio. Their family consists of five sons and a daughter. Raymond R., the eldest, was educated in the Lima High School and following this took a two years' course in the military school at Miami. He is now employed as timekeeper for the gas line company of Delaware, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Albrecht are members of Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he has been steward during



his residence in Lima. He is active in Masonic circles and is also a member of the Odd Fellows and Royal Arcanum.



WILLIAM T. PIERSON resides in section 7, German township, where he owns a fine farm of 106 acres half a mile northwest of Elida.

This is one of the best improved and most highly cultivated properties in Allen County, and shows the result of modern and progressive ideas when applied to farming. Mr. Pierson was born February 1, 1851, in Fairfield County, Ohio, and is a son of Joseph and Hannah (DeLong) Pierson. His father was born November 18, 1826, and his mother, July 1, 1825. They were married in Fairfield County, December 1, 1847. In 1854 they came to Allen County and for about five years lived in the village of Elida. Then they moved to Fort Amanda, Auglaize County, where the mother died May 15, 1886, and the father, March 4, 1900. They were the parents of seven children: William T.; J. E., a resident of German township; Jane (Baber), deceased; Margaret (Zerkle); Hannah Sophia (Umbaugh), deceased; Rosetta (Baber) and Cora Belle (Anderson).

William T. Pierson was educated in Auglaize County and remained with his parents until his marriage in 1874, when he moved to a farm one mile south of where he now lives. He has always been engaged in farming, and lived on his first farm for 18 years. On Thanksgiving Day 1893, he moved to the farm upon which he now lives and nine years later, in 1902, built the handsome, 11-room frame house that is so much of an ornament to the property. He also erected barns, etc., and has placed the land under the most thorough cultivation.

Mr. Pierson was married October 22, 1874, to Ellen M. Riley, and their union has been blessed by the birth of one son and one daughter, namely: Eva A., born May 25, 1875; and Ira E., born December 5, 1881. Both are living at home. Mrs. Pierson was born May 2, 1855, in Bath township, and was living

near Spencerville at the time of her marriage. She is a daughter of Joseph and Amanda (Berrihill) Riley, both of whom were natives of this county, the former having been born, March 16, 1833, and the latter, October 16, 1833. The father, while living in Keokuk County, Iowa, enlisted for service in the Civil War in which he met death January 2, 1863. The mother resides in Amanda township. Her children were as follows: George A., born September 15, 1857, who died September 22, 1858; Leile Evangeline, born May 30, 1860, who died October 10, 1860; Joseph H., born May 28, 1863, who is a resident of California; and Ellen M. (Mrs. Pierson). When Mrs. Pierson was one year old, her parents moved to Iowa where they resided seven years, the family returning to Ohio on a visit at the time of the father's enlistment and remaining here because of the death of Mr. Riley. Her grandfather was Rev. George Riley, who was born in Burlington County, New Jersey, August 27, 1792, and died in Sugar Creek township, Allen County, Ohio, in 1883. He was a missionary, assisting Rev. J. B. Findlay in his work among the Upper Sandusky Indians of the Wyandot tribe. Mr. Pierson is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Elida and is one of the trustees.



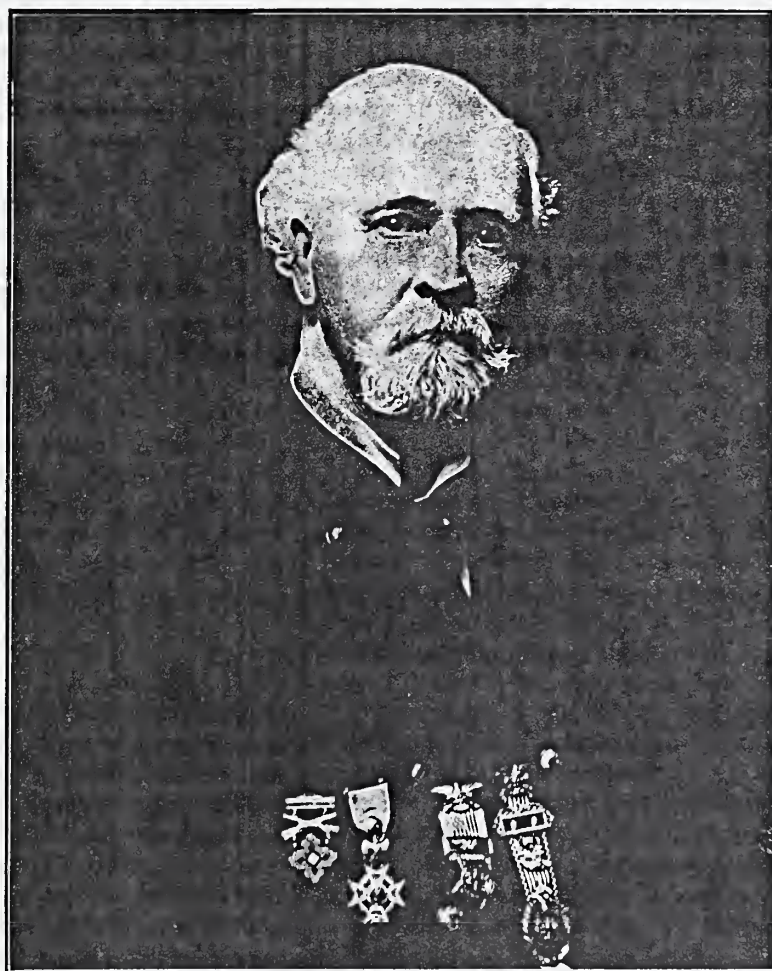
JOHN MAY, one of the well-known business citizens of Beaver Dam, who has been engaged in a livery business here for some 25 years, was born at Monroeville, Huron County, Ohio, February 1, 1852, and is a son of Thomas D. and Elizabeth (Plowright) May.

The parents of Mr. May were born, reared and married in England. They came to America in 1850, settling at Monroeville, Ohio. The father died at Beaver Dam and the mother in Michigan, many years ago. The children were: Thomas, of Bluffton, Ohio; John, of this sketch; Annie (Young), of Beaver Dam; and Elizabeth (Stiner), of Akron, Ohio.

John May was four years old when his parents moved to Eaton County, Michigan. In the following year his mother died, and in







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1860 the family returned to Huron County, Ohio. Our subject was reared to farm work and assisted his father for several years on the Ohio farm, and then went to Wood County, Ohio, and lived with an uncle for two years. He learned the carpenter's trade and secured work in Lorain County, in the construction of the Lake Shore Railroad. In 1873 he became connected with the Lake Erie & Western Railroad, as section foreman at Beaver Dam, and he remained with the road for a year and a half after the road was completed.

Mr. May was interested in both a grocery and livery business for many years at Beaver Dam, but subsequently sold his grocery after 20 years of business, retaining his livery, which he still operates. He has well-equipped barns and keeps 10 horses.

Mr. May was married September 11, 1874, to Cynthia Westover, a native of this county, who is a daughter of Jonathan Westover. They have one child, Ida, who is the wife of F. D. Bowers, of Beaver Dam.

Mr. May is identified with the Republican party and he has been called upon, on numerous occasions, to accept offices of considerable responsibility, having served as councilman and as village and school treasurer. He is a member of the Disciples' Church.

OL. B. M. MOULTON, past department commander of the Grand Army of the Republic of Ohio, has been one of Lima's most distinguished and esteemed residents for almost 20 years. Colonel Moulton comes of a long line of ancestors, many of whom have been prominent in the various walks and avocations of life and not a few, like himself, have gained honor and reputation in military circles. He was born at Moultonville, Madison County, Illinois, July 3, 1845, and is a son of Orris G. and Nancy (Miller) Moulton.

The Moultons are descended from Sir Thomas Moulton, who went to England with William the Conqueror and fought by his side in the battle of Hastings, in 1066. He was

probably a Norman nobleman. He founded the town of Moulton in England and was given large estates and the title "Sir."

Five generations of Sir Thomas Moultons resided in the town thus established. In those days orthography was something of a fine art and the name became variously changed by the common people and for various reasons, probably on account of recurrences of the same baptismal name, by members of the family. Thus on some old records the name is found spelled Multon and Molton, but the old orthography has always been maintained by our subject's branch of the family.

In the "Domesday Book", that great survey of England made by order of William the Conqueror, in 1086, Thomas Moulton is mentioned as a land-owner, having been put in possession of an estate called "Galeshore," a property seized from the Gales by King William. Perhaps this is why the later Moulton is called "Lord of Gillesland."

Thomas de Moulton was a favorite of King Richard (Coeur de Leon) in 1190. He is called "Lord of Gillesland" in Cumberland and by the Normans, "Lord de Vaux." Sir Walter Scott introduces him in the romance "The Talisman," as such. He is probably the same Thomas de Multon who, as one of the barons, signed the *Magna Charta* in 1215. A Thomas de Multon was also a signer of the great charter of Edward in 1297 and this Thomas was probably a grandson of the preceding. They were Lords of Egremont in Cumberland and probably became possessed of their lands on the Scottish border as rewards for their services in the wars against the Scots. (From the Heraldic Office, of Great Britain and other reliable sources). Moulton Hall is a place in Wulburton, now in ruins, once the property of Sir Thomas.

Dudgall in his account of Sturbiac says: "Acre was an old hospital for the poor people, dedicated to St. Leonard, which being given with the Manor A. D. 1230 to the Knight Hospitalers by Sir Thomas Moulton, Knight &c." Next, following a page of interesting extracts from records portraying the distinction of these ancient "Multons," are numerous quotations





showing that all branches of the Moulton family had arms with devices somewhat different from each other in minor details, yet alike in the main, viz: A plain field either of silver or blue, crossed by three horizontal bars, generally red, sometimes sable. This continued for several hundred years down to the arms which were granted in 1571; by the record these are described as follows:

*Moulton*: Argent three bars (jules) between eight escallop shells, sable; three, two, two and one crest on a pellet, a falchion rising argent, granted in 1571. This is an accurate description of the arms brought over by Thomas Moulton in 1635, excepting the color bars and shells and the grant might have been to his grandfather as it was made only 64 years before the emigrant brought over the copy that it still extant. Tradition asserts this to be the fact and that the escalloped shells were added to the very ancient arms of silver or red field and three bars, for victories won by Admiral Moulton of more recent times.

In 1635 Thomas and John Moulton, brothers, came to Newbury, Massachusetts, from Norfolk County, England. Later they settled at Hampton, New Hampshire and in 1637 they were joined by a third brother, William, who came from Ormsby, Norfolk County.

Ebenezer Moulton was the first of our subject's branch of the Moulton family in America, as far as known. It has been said that he was formerly a clergyman, also that he was in the service of the English government and came from England to Nova Scotia about the year 1725, a wealthy member of the English nobility. Afterward he came to New England and died in South Brimfield, Massachusetts, in 1783, leaving one son, Stephen.

Stephen Moulton, son of Ebenezer and great-grandfather of our subject, was born in 1734, was graduated at one of the New England colleges, inherited his father's wealth and was an accomplished gentleman of his time. During the American Revolution he equipped a regiment at his own expense and contributed very largely from his fortune in aid of the Revolutionary cause. He participated in military affairs as lieutenant colonel in the 22nd Regi-

ment of militia from Stafford, Connecticut. His two sons, Howard and Stephen, were taken prisoners on Long Island and were confined in the old sugar house prison at Richmond, Virginia. Just 87 years later history repeated itself when our subject, also a prisoner of war, was sent to one of the old dungeons in the same city. After the close of the Revolutionary War, Colonel Moulton went to Ohio and later settled at Floyd, Oneida County, New York, where he died in 1819. He married a daughter of Lieut. Josiah Converse, Ellenor Converse, a cousin of Governor Julius Converse, of Vermont. Their children were: Howard, Stephen, Benjamin, Joseph, Solomon, Ebenezer and Josiah.

Howard Moulton, son of Stephen (1), was a prominent merchant of Troy, New York and an able and distinguished man. One of his daughters married Gen. John E. Wool and another became the mother of John A. Griswold, who once was a Republican candidate for Governor of New York.

Stephen Moulton (2), son of Stephen (1), was a farmer residing at Floyd, New York; two of his sons were named Jesse and Asa. Jesse by his first marriage had three sons and one daughter,—Lewis, Charles, Henry and Julia. Julia became Mrs. Bell, of Syracuse, New York. By a second marriage, Jesse had a daughter, Elizabeth.

Benjamin Moulton, son of Stephen (1), lived at Floyd, New York, where he married and had four sons and two daughters, viz: James T., Arthur, Josiah, John, Maria and Eleanor. Of the children of Benjamin the record is as follows:

James T. Moulton, son of Benjamin, was at one time one of the leading merchants of New York City. One of his sons, Arthur, married a Miss Sagor, of Utica and they had one daughter. A son, Albert, died unmarried. A daughter, Sarah, married Thomas W. Timpson and they had one son and three daughters—Thomas W., Addie, Florence and Sarah. Another daughter of James T. Moulton, Letitia, married James Alexander Striker, of New York. Jennie, another daughter, married Philip B. Low, of New York and their children were





two daughters—Letty and Jennie. Gary, son of James T., resides in New York and his children—two sons and a daughter—are: Gary W., Raymond and Marion, the eldest son having one child.

Arthur Moulton, second son of Benjamin, married and reared a family some place in the far West.

Josiah, son of Benjamin, was born at Floyd, New York, and settled in the West, marrying a sister of Judge Powers Green. They had three sons—Powers, Rodman and Josiah—and one daughter. Powers is a prominent man in Wisconsin.

John Moulton, son of Benjamin, reared a family in the West.

Maria Moulton, daughter of Benjamin, married Hezekiah McIntosh and they had two daughters and three sons; the latter being Andrew, Ichabod and Charles. Andrew and Ichabod married and practiced law at Utica, New York. One of the daughters became the wife of Josiah K. Brown, of Stittville, New York, dairy commissioner of that State.

Eleanor Moulton, daughter of Benjamin, married a Mr. Roberts, of Buffalo, New York, and they had three daughters—Sarah and Maria, deceased, and Miriam.

Joseph Moulton, son of Stephen (1), resided at Troy, New York.

Solomon Moulton, son of Stephen (1), lived and died at Floyd, New York. His sons were: Stephen, Henry, Joshua, John, Benjamin, Roary and Wesley and his daughter was Susan, who married OZIAH Wilcox. The children of this union were Jermain and Jefferson. The latter married and left two daughters—Susan and Sophia, the former of whom married John Brinkerhoof, a prominent lawyer of Kansas.

Stephen Moulton (3), son of Solomon left no issue; he died at Rome, New York, and was interred at Floyd.

Henry Moulton, son of Solomon, married Lucretia Moulton and lived and died at Floyd, his children being Caroline who married Franklin French, of Western New York; and Thomas, who was a prominent merchant of Nashville, Tennessee. He was a polished gentleman. Of Thomas Moulton's two sons,

Frank resided at Nashville; he also had three daughters.

Joshua Moulton, son of Solomon, lived and died at Floyd, New York. His children were: Severn, William, George, Lewis, Eliza, Catherine, Mary, Susan and Margot. His son, Severn Moulton was a prominent man in New York City. He left one son and one daughter, the former of whom, Frank Moulton, became well known to the public as the "mutual friend" in the great Beecher-Tilton trial—his children reside in New York.

John Moulton, son of Solomon, lived in New York and left two children.

Benjamin Moulton, son of Solomon, died at Floyd, New York, leaving one son and two daughters. The son died in California without issue and one daughter—Sarah—is deceased. The other daughter—Susan—resides in the West.

Roary Moulton, son of Solomon, died at Floyd, New York, leaving one son, Horace C., who resides in Berlin, Wisconsin; and one daughter, Julia, who married Charles Riggs, of Turin, New York.

Wesley Moulton, son of Solomon, died unmarried.

Ebenezer Moulton, son of Stephen (1), was born at Stafford, Connecticut, where he married. Afterward he removed to Floyd, New York, where he died about 1855. He married first Mary Lillebridge, daughter of Rev. David Lillebridge, of Stafford, who was a son of Benjamin and Amy (Sherman) Lillebridge, the latter of whom was a sister of Roger Sherman, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. The children of this first marriage were: Linus, David, Lucretia and Mary. He married (second) Eliza Gardner and their children were: Eliza, Maria and Orris G.

Linus Moulton, son of Ebenezer, resided at Floyd, New York, married Olive Frazier, of Western New York and they had one son and five daughters: Jermain, who died without issue; Mary, Imogene, Harriet, Louise and Anna. Mary married Asa Clark, of Floyd, New York, and left one daughter named Imogene, who married Charles H. Sampson, of Chicago. Harriet married Jesse Armstrong, of





Rome, New York. Louise married William D. Thorne and their two sons—Jermain and William B.—live in Chicago; Jermain married Frances Dart, of Lansing, Michigan, and their two children are named Frances Louise and Dart. Anna Moulton died without issue.

David Moulton, son of Ebenezer, was born in Stafford, Connecticut. When David was a boy, his father moved to Floyd, Oneida County, New York, where David resided until his death, which occurred May 7, 1886. He was buried where he had spent the greater part of his life. Like the most of the Moultons of his time and race, he was a fine looking, large, well-proportioned man and in his youth he had great physical strength and all his life his mental endowments were of a very superior order. He was a colonel in the State militia. In politics David Moulton was a stanch Democrat and for nearly 50 years was one of the leaders of his party, generally a delegate to all its important conventions and on one occasion was its candidate for Congress from the Oneida district. David Moulton married Prudence M. Sizer, who was a daughter of Eli Sizer, a grandson of a French emigrant, D. Souzour. They had these children: Julia, Mariam, Sarah and Eliza. Julia married Nehemiah Slooper and their children were: Cesarine, Prudence and David M. Of this family, Cesarine married Hon. Eaton J. Richardson, a prominent lawyer of Utica, New York and at one time a State Senator, and they had one son—Everett Slooper. Prudence married William A. Davies, at one time a prominent merchant at Floyd, New York, and they had one son—William Everett. David M. also married and he had three children: Walter, William and Mary. Mariam married Henry M. Kellogg and they had three children: David M., Frederick H. and Converse. The first two are practicing law in New York City. Sarah married Edwin C. Kellogg and their three living daughters are: Ella, Clara and Louise. Ella married P. Fitzsimons, a merchant of New York City and they have two sons—Edwin Kellogg and Leon James. Louise married Sinclair Myers, a prominent real estate broker of New York city. Clara is unmarried. Eliza married William

Pratt and their children are: Harriet, Miriam and Milton. Lucretia, daughter of Ebenezer Moulton, married Henry Moulton.

Mary Moulton, daughter of Ebenezer, married Merritt Brooks, of Rome, New York and they had two sons—Stephen and Sperry; and four daughters—Elizabeth, Helen, Josephine and Mary Ann. Stephen left two sons, Elizabeth married Lester B. Miller, of New York; their only daughter is deceased and their only son, Merritt B., resides in New York City. Helen married John Sumner and their children were John and Edward, the latter of whom is a lawyer in Minneapolis. Josephine married Josiah Fogg, of St. Louis. Mary Ann died unmarried.

Eliza Moulton, daughter of Ebenezer, is the widow of Hosea Clark; her two daughters, Hattie and Emma, are both deceased. The former married Joseph Favil, of Brooklyn, New York.

Maria Moulton, daughter of Ebenezer, died without issue.

Orris G. Moulton, son of Ebenezer, was born at Floyd, Oneida County, New York, June 23, 1816. He married Nancy Miller, daughter of Benjamin Miller, of Trenton, New York, and soon after they moved to Madison County, Illinois, where Orris had purchased a large tract of land. The town of Moultonsville, in that county, is named in his honor, as he was its founder. Orris G. and Nancy (Miller) Moulton, had two sons, Benjamin and Orris G., the former of whom is the subject of the present record. The father of our subject died of cholera at St. Louis, Missouri, July 11, 1851, aged 35 years; his widow disposed of her property in Illinois and returned to Steuben, Oneida County, Illinois, where she died in March, 1873. Orris G. Moulton was born in Moultonsville, Illinois, July 23, 1851 and married Belle Ross, daughter of Aaron Ross, of Hornellsville, Steuben County, New York. They have one daughter, Frances, and reside at Syracuse, New York. Mr. Moulton is the general agent for New York of the Massachusetts Benefit Life Association of Boston, Massachusetts.

Before leaving the ancestral history in order





to give attention to that of Colonel Moulton himself, a few more interesting records may be added, viz:

Josiah Moulton, son of Stephen (1), had two children, Charles and Harriet. The former settled in New York as a merchant and dealer in cotton and in this line he accumulated an immense fortune. He was a personal friend of Louis Napoleon and was his host during the visit of that nobleman to America. After Napoleon became Emperor of France, Charles Moulton and family moved to Paris and resided in that city or at their magnificent country-seat in the environs. Charles died in 1886 survived by five children: Ray, Charles, Henry, Clara and Helen. Both Ray and Charles are married, the latter's wife being an accomplished lady from Boston—they had two sons who reside in that city. Henry, son of Charles, is unmarried. Clara married a member of the firm of Brown Brothers & Company, bankers of New York, and she, with one child, was lost when the steamer "Arctic" was burned at sea. Helen, youngest daughter of Charles, married Count Paul Hatzfeldt, German Ambassador in London.

Harriet, daughter of Josiah Moulton, noted before, married Judge Powers Green, of Indiana, and their daughter Harriet became a Mrs. Hills, of Waukegan, Illinois, and their children are: Harriet, Rebecca, Grace and Frank.

After the death of his father and the return of his widowed mother to Oneida County, New York, our subject attended the public schools until he was 16 years old and then entered the Whitestown Seminary and devoted himself to his studies until he enlisted for service in the Civil War. On August 4, 1862, he joined Company E, 117th Reg., New York Vol. Inf., in which he served through three long years, during which time his personal bravery caused his promotion very rapidly. On September 29, 1864, he was wounded at the battle of Chapin's Farm and was taken prisoner and transported to the same old city which had been the scene of the incarceration of his kindred some 87 years before. From Richmond he was subsequently sent to Annapolis

where he was kept at the distribution camp until he could be paroled. Colonel Moulton participated in the battles at Petersburg (barely escaping with his life at the time of the mine explosion), Cold Harbor, Drury's Bluff and Chapin's Farm and in innumerable smaller engagements.

After his return from the army, he resumed his studies at the Whitestown Seminary for one year and then entered Eastman's Business College, where he was graduated late in 1866. For two years he was a clerk in a wholesale mercantile business at Dolpha, New York and then embarked in business for himself at Conesus, New York. He remained here for eight years but sold out in 1876 and went to Pennsylvania in the employ of J. D. Wolf, connected with the Oil Well Supply Company and remained with him until March, 1877, when Mr. Wolf sold his interests to Eaton, Cole & Burnham, and Colonel Moulton became manager of the new company and continued until the organization of the Oil Well Supply Company. He accepted the position of manager of the business of this company of the district at Duke's Center in Northern Pennsylvania.

By 1881 Colonel Moulton's efficiency as a man of business was so recognized that he was transferred to the important district at Bolivar, New York, and in 1886, to Lima, Ohio. Here he has in charge the management of the Oil Well Supply Company of the Ohio and Indiana oil fields, in which the company is interested.

Colonel Moulton married Marietta Kuder, who is a daughter of John Kuder, of Groveland, Livingston County, New York. Their one son, H. S. Moulton, is a lumber dealer at Lima and was a member of Governor Myron T. Herrick's staff.

In politics Colonel Moulton has always been an uncompromising Republican and he has been more or less prominent in the party for many years. During the administration of Governor Nash, he was a member of the executive's staff and hence acquired his present title. In 1904 he was elected department commander of the Grand Army of the Republic of Ohio and faithfully and satisfactorily at-





tended to the duties of the office. Under the administration of Governor Herrick he served as a member of the board of trustees of the Soldiers' and Sailors' and Orphans' Home, at Xenia, Ohio. A portrait of Colonel Moulton accompanies this sketch.

**C**HARLES WILLIAM WESTBAY, mayor of the village of West Cairo and superintendent of schools, was born on a farm about three miles from Lima, February 4, 1860. His parents were Isaiah and Katherine (Crites) Westbay, both of whom were born in Allen County. William Westbay, the paternal grandfather, who was a native of Scotland, settled in Pennsylvania, and later moved to Allen County, Ohio, where he died. The maternal grandparents were Charles and Sophia Crites, natives of Pennsylvania, and of German ancestry.

Isaiah Westbay was a farmer, but was also a musician of considerable ability, and during the early years held singing-school at various places throughout this section. He enlisted in Company G, 81st Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf., as musician, serving under Captain Overmyer as fifer and flute player, and among the engagements in which he took part was that at Corinth. He died March 7, 1864, a few days after returning to his family. He left three children, the two eldest being twins who were named in honor of their grandparents, our subject bearing the names of both grandfathers, Charles and William, while his sister was called Sophia Jane. This sister married L. W. Allen and resides in Lima. Martha Ozilla, the third child, married J. M. Osborn and lives in Waverly, Kansas.

Our subject was reared on the farm and attended the common schools during his youth. At the age of 20 years, he took a two years' course in the Ohio Normal University at Ada, Ohio, and since that time has been engaged in teaching, so far as is known, he is the veteran teacher of the county, having taught consecutively here for the longest time. His

first charge was a district school which he taught in 1882 and for which he received pay at the rate of \$1 per day for the first three months. In 1886 he came to West Cairo and for four years was a successful teacher in the schools in the township. For three years he was superintendent of schools at LaFayette, resigning to accept the position of superintendent of the Monroe township schools. At the expiration of that period he was elected superintendent of schools at West Cairo and has held this place since. He is one of the most advanced educators of the county, and has been remarkably successful with his work, fitting the young men and women under his care to fill places of usefulness and honor in the social and business world. He served on the County Board of School Examiners for six years, and has been actively identified with the growth and upbuilding of the community. He was postmaster at West Cairo during Cleveland's second administration.

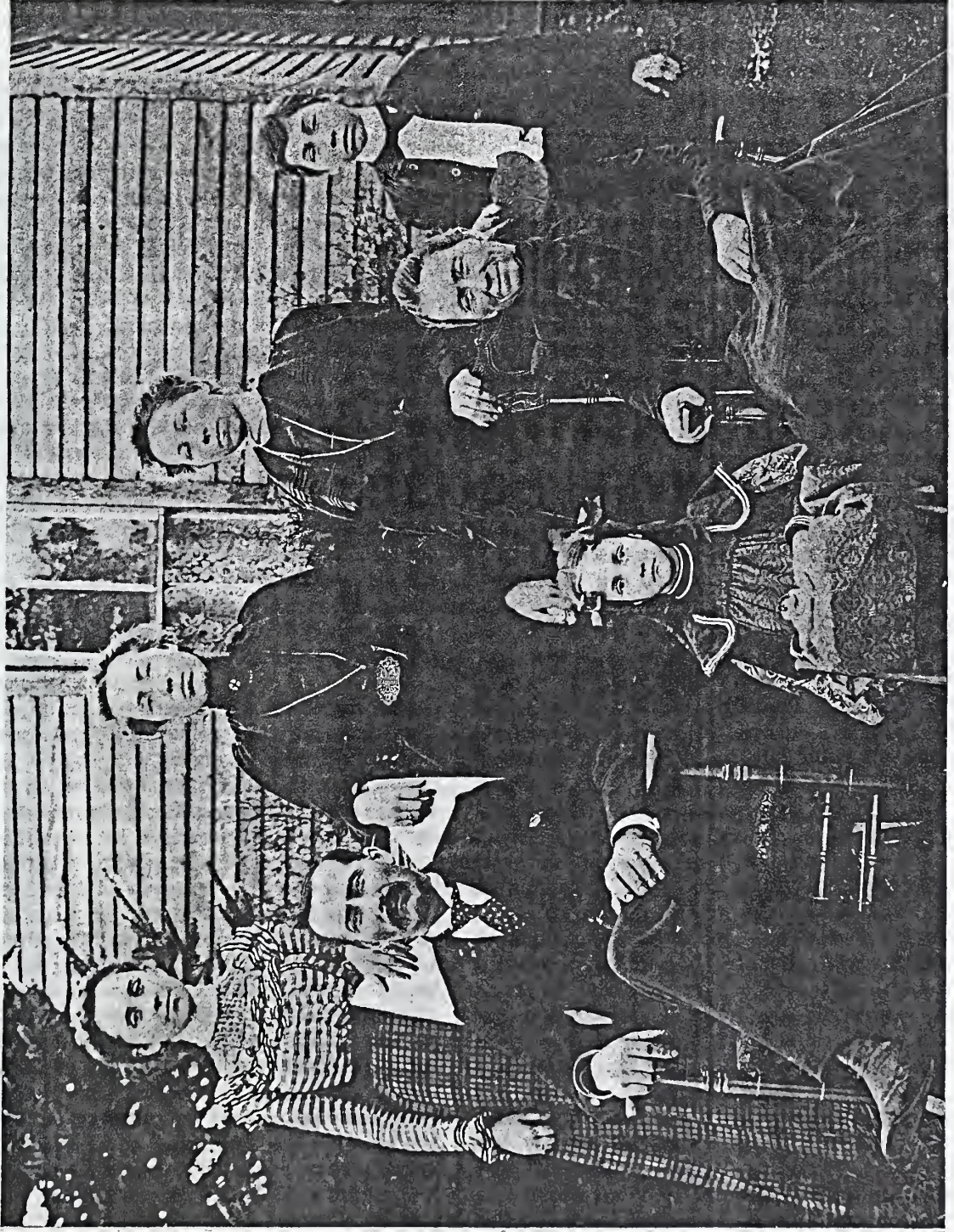
Mr. Westbay was married in 1886 to Miss Ritenour, a native of Fayette County, Pennsylvania, and a daughter of Mandeville and Elizabeth (Hackney) Ritenour, both natives of that State. Mrs. Westbay has borne her husband four children, viz: Zeno Pearl; Corinne Savonarola; Naomi Ernest; and Henry October. The family are members of the Christian Church. Mr. Westbay is a Democrat and has been honored with a number of offices in the village, serving as justice of the peace for nine years, before being placed in the mayor's chair. Fraternally he is connected with the Sons of Veterans, Knights of the Golden Eagle, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

**J**OHAN O'BRIEN, general superintendent of The Buckeye Pipe Line Company, of Lima, was born at Forestville, Chautauqua County, New York, January 22, 1863, being a member of one of the old, well-known families of that place.

After completing his education in the For-







MR. AND MRS. MONROE M. EAST AND FAMILY





estville Academy, in 1878, Mr. O'Brien started out to make his own way in the world, with little capital but his health, education and energy. Just at this time the oil field of McKean County, Pennsylvania, was attracting residents of all parts of the Union and thither the young man made his way. At Bradford he became a messenger with the Western Union Telegraph Company, and incidentally learned telegraphing. He was subsequently engaged as a clerk in the Bradford office of the Erie Railroad and remained there as clerk and telegraph operator until June 1, 1880. He then entered the employ of the National Transit Company as a telegraph operator at Corning, New York. He remained there two years and when the Corning office was closed by the company, Mr. O'Brien was transferred back to the Bradford office. He was engaged at different pump stations in the oil field as his services were needed and thus became fully acquainted with the different fields and all the details of the oil business. In the latter part of 1882 the National transit Company showed its recognition of Mr. O'Brien's fidelity and ability by recalling him from the field stations to their office at Bradford, then the scene of the company's greatest interests.

Mr. O'Brien remained in the Bradford office for five years, when he was again promoted, being removed to the New York office, where he became manager of the National Transit Company's telegraph business. Five months later, on April 1, 1888, Mr. O'Brien permanently left the telegraph department, but not the company's service. He was then placed in charge of the Bradford oil field as assistant superintendent, a position he most efficiently filled for seven years. On June 1, 1895, he became superintendent of the whole Bradford district, and since then he has been steadily advanced until at present he occupies one of the most responsible positions in the gift of the company. On October 13, 1903, he was sent to Lima as assistant general superintendent of The Buckeye Pipe Line Company, The Indiana Pipe Line Company, and made general manager of the Prairie Oil & Gas Company, of the Kansas field. The death of Daniel J. O'Day

brought about his promotion as general superintendent of The Buckeye Pipe Line Company and the Indiana Pipe Line Company. He has severed his connections with the Prairie Oil & Gas Company. He has other large interests, being a director of the First National Bank of Independence, Kansas; a director of the Independence Iron Works; a director of the Bartlesville (I. T.) Water Company and is also interested as a stockholder in the Lima Trust Company, the Bradford National Bank and in other financial institutions.

Mr. O'Brien was married to Louise Newell of Bradford, Pennsylvania, on January 18, 1893, and they have three children, viz: Louise, Norman and Florence. The family belongs to St. Rose Catholic Church at Lima.



MONROE M. EAST, a prominent citizen of this county, owns 94½ acres of land in sections 16 and 21, German township, where he is successfully engaged in farming.

He has five oil-wells in active operation on his land, but has leased them to Dr. Charles E. Lawton, of Cleveland, who now operates them. Mr. East is a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Mumaw) East, of German township. A sketch of Samuel East may be found elsewhere in this work.

Monroe M. East married Priscilla Alice Crider, of Auglaize County, a daughter of Isaac and Susan (Searfoss) Crider, who removed from Pickaway County to Cridersville, Auglaize County, where Mrs. East was born on March 17, 1855. Mr. and Mrs. East have six children: Susan Elizabeth, born August 19, 1878, who died on the 11th of the following month; Olive Ettie, born September 25, 1879, now living at home; Irene Belle, born September 25, 1881, who married Alvin E. Herring, of German township, on January 3, 1899, and has two children—Harold Glenn and Horace Burdette; Bessie May, born May 16, 1884, who married Oran Hepler, on March 31, 1902, and has one child—Cledith Elizabeth; Samuel Cleveland, born May 11, 1888,





who lives at home; and Catherine Gertrude, born April 12, 1894. Mr. East has taken a lively interest in educational matters and has served as a member of the School Board. In politics he is a Democrat.

On a foregoing page, in connection with this sketch is shown a picture of Mr. and Mrs. East and family.

**A.** CHAPIN, one of the leading architects of Lima and one of the city's representative men, was born in 1853 at Mount Vernon, Knox County, Ohio, and is a son of Dexter Chapin.

The aged father of our subject, now almost 80 years old, resides at Lima and still takes much interest in passing events. For many years he was one of the leading contractors here, and for a protracted period was active in city politics, during which he served three terms as a member of the City Council. His mother was a Franklin, belonging to the same branch of the family which gave the world Benjamin Franklin.

Our subject was only two years of age when his parents came to Lima, where they lived some time and then removed to Wapakoneta and later to Cincinnati. While in Lima he attended the grammar department of the Lima High School. He also attended school at the other points where his father's business called him. At Cincinnati he worked with Mitchell & Ramelsberg, in the furniture business and then went into the office of Michael Renbaugh, of that city. He remained under instruction there for several years.

Before the new Court House was erected at Lima, he returned to this city and went to work at the carpenter's trade while he prepared himself to open the first architect's office ever established here. He has continued in this profession ever since and now has offices located in the Holland Building. To him has been entrusted the drawing of plans and designs for many of the most important buildings in the city of Lima, among which we may mention: Lima Paper Mills, County Infirmary, Children's Home, Holland Building and the new High

School Building. In the erection of this fine structure last mentioned he was associated with F. L. Packard, the State architect, of Columbus. By experts it has been conceded to be one of the finest school buildings in the State. Many of the beautiful residences of Lima which attract favorable notice and comment from the visitor were erected from designs prepared by Mr. Chapin, who has also furnished plans for the building of a great many of the large structures of the city.

In 1893 Mr. Chapin was married to Ella Ackerman, who is a daughter of the late William Ackerman, who for years was identified with the manufacturing interest of Lima.

Mr. Chapin is a 32nd degree Mason and belongs to the Blue Lodge, Council, Chapter and Commandery at Lima, in which bodies he has frequently held official position. He has done much toward making this city one of beauty and modern aspect and has been called in to assist in promoting various objects of public utility.

**HENRY** KRUSE, who has resided continuously for upwards of 40 years on his present farm in section 17, German township, is one of the thrifty, substantial citizens of Allen County, was born July 24, 1833, in Prussia, Germany. His parents were Joseph and Anna Kruse. The mother died in 1843 and the father followed her in 1848.

After the death of his father, Henry Kruse, who was then 15 years of age, was bound out to a shoemaker for a term of three years. After serving out his time, he remained in the same service two years longer, receiving wages for his labor. He was desirous of starting in business for himself but, as the laws of the country did not allow him to take such a step until he was of age, he decided to try his fortune in America.


With 25 of his fellow townspeople, he began the journey across the ocean, the trip being made in a sailing vessel and covering a period of eight weeks. An epidemic of small-pox broke out, which proved fatal to seven of their number, and caused a change in the plans.





They had intended to land at New Orleans but this they were not permitted to do on account of the smallpox, although they were allowed to proceed up the Mississippi and Ohio rivers. A landing was made at Cincinnati. Mr. Kruse remained in that city three and a half years working at his trade and then went to Champaign County, near Urbana, Ohio, where he worked four years on a farm. About this time he was married and leased the farm for five years, until 1865, when he came to Allen County and purchased 68 acres of land where he has since resided. Mr. Kruse prospered in his business, and added to his original purchase until he owned at one time 200 acres. Most of this has been sold since, his son and son-in-law recently buying 140 acres of him. This leaves 30 acres in the homestead.

Mr. Kruse was married in 1859 to Doretta Booman, who was born in Hanover, Germany, November 24, 1833. Five children have been born to them, namely: Charles, residing on the homestead, who married Minnie Counselor, daughter of Rev. Counselor, of this county, and has six children; Henry, who married Bertha Beckler, who died 10 years ago, leaving two sons, Earl and Kenneth, who live with their grandfather Kruse; Anna, who married Jacob Smith, lives about three miles south of Lima and has five children—Paul, Alice, Gladys, Dean and Floy; Emma, who married Lewis Freightner, lives in Lima and has two children—Evan and Robert; and Frank, who married Maggie Neely, lives in Lima and has one child, Grace. Mr. Kruse is a Democrat. In religion he is a Lutheran and is a trustee of the church of that denomination at Elida.

RANK C. SMITH, who is the senior member of the large contracting firm of Smith & Sherrick, of Lima, has been a resident of this city for the past 17 years. He was born at Westminster, Allen County, Ohio, in 1867, and is a son of Isaac N. Smith and a grandson of Abner Smith.

Abner Smith was born in Pennsylvania and removed to Athens County, Ohio, about

1822. Later he moved to Champaign County and in 1829 to Allen County, where he entered land near the present site of the town of Westminster. In 1830 he moved his family here and during the remainder of his life he was engaged in clearing and cultivating his property. He was one of the first trustees of Auglaize township and took an active part in its public affairs. Politically he was a Whig.

Isaac N. Smith, father of our subject, now lives retired in his pleasant home at No. 708 East Kibby street, Lima. He was born in 1839 in Auglaize township. When 14 years of age he started to learn the carpenter's trade and continued work at the same until 1864, when he enlisted in Company B. 151st Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf., for 100 days, but his real service covered four months. He was detailed to the quartermaster's department and was stationed during the greater part of the time at Fort Reno. At the close of the war he returned home and resumed carpenter work until 1868, when he engaged in wagon and carriage manufacturing at Westminster. Mr. Smith continued in business for 10 years and had a large establishment, where he also did repair work and dealt in agricultural implements. Some of the wagons built by him 40 years ago are still in commission in and about Westminster.

In June, 1888, Mr. Smith located in Lima, where he carried on contracting until failing eyesight caused him to retire from business. During his residence in Auglaize township, he was active in public affairs and was elected to many of the township offices. He served four years as assessor of that township, for years was school director and was a man whose advice was asked and judgment consulted by his fellow-citizens.

Frank C. Smith of this sketch was reared and educated at Westminster, and learned the carpenter's trade with his father. He entered the employ of the Standard Oil Company and remained with that corporation for six years, during four of which he was in charge of the tanking department at different points. He built the first pump station in the Ohio oil field. Then for some four years he followed his trade by himself; but in 1898 he formed his present partnership with S. S. Sherrick. This



firm is engaged in a general contracting business and is the leading firm in this line in Lima. Their large planing mill and sash, door and blind factory is located at Nos. 330-332 South Union street.

In 1899 Frank C. Smith was married to Ella Biederman, of Auglaize County. They have one son, Walter Stanley, aged five years. Both Mr. Smith and his wife are members of Grace Methodist Episcopal Church at Lima.

In politics Mr. Smith is a zealous Republican and is a member of the Republican Central Committee. He belongs also to the Lima Board of Health, and is interested in all movements tending to promote the welfare of the city. His fraternal connections are with the Odd Fellows and Red Men.

**H**ENRY CLAY HART, M. D., now residing on his well-improved farm of 160 acres, situated in section 25, Spencer township, was one of the earliest physicians to settle at Spencerville, where he continued in active practice for many years. Dr. Hart was born July 19, 1841, at Troy, Miami County, Ohio, and is a son of Levi and Sarah Sewell (Tullis) Hart.

Dr. Hart comes of sturdy American patriot stock, his ancestry reaching directly to one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. The father of Dr. Hart was born in New Jersey and was one of a family of seven children. Previous to coming to Ohio he worked as a machinist; but later he became a farmer and died in Ohio in 1865. He was a liberal man in relation to education and religion and filled an important place in his community. He was survived until 1886 by his wife, who was born in Virginia. The family consisted of four children, namely: Francis C., Dorisa Ann, Henry Clay and John B., the last named deceased in infancy.

Henry Clay Hart grew up on his father's farm and secured his literary education in the schools at Delphos. He was employed later by a local business house as bookkeeper until he reached his majority, when, in August, 1862, he entered the Union Army. He enlisted in

Company F, 118th Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf., at Delphos, and was mustered out at Evansville, Indiana, from the Second Battalion, V. R. C., on July 6, 1865. For nearly 18 months he had held the position of post adjutant. His health being poor at this time, he was employed mainly at detached duty and was proffered an honorable discharge by President Lincoln on this account. This offer he did not take advantage of and this evidence of patriotism brought him a personal letter from the President, commending him in high terms.

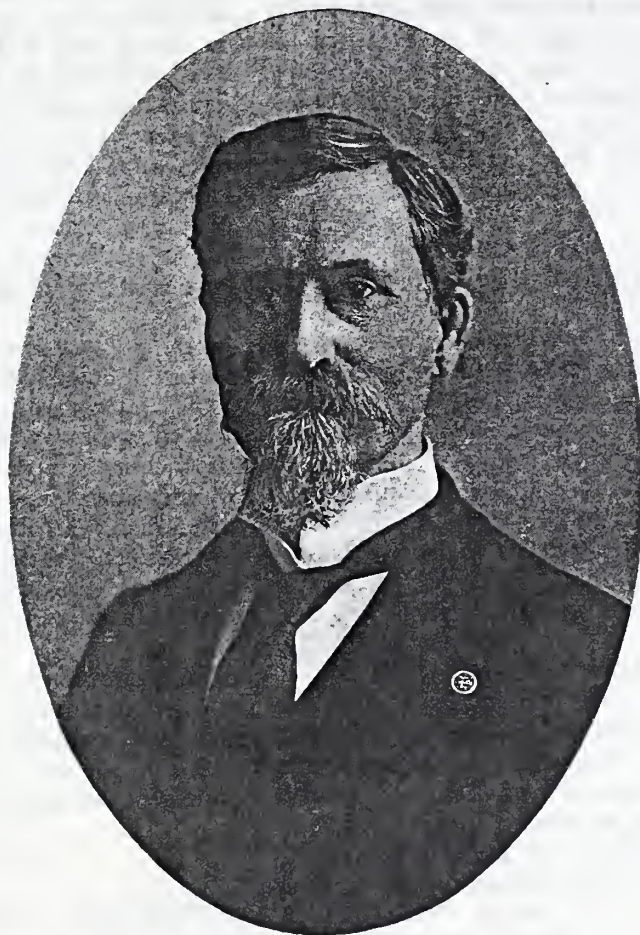
After his return from the army, the young man tried farming for a time, but his health was scarcely robust enough to enable him to make of it a success. He then turned his attention to medicine. He prepared for college with a local practitioner, and took a course of lectures in the University of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, where he was graduated April 23, 1869. In the same year he took up his residence at Spencerville, which at that time was a village of 300 souls. He was the third physician to locate here, the late Dr. Campbell and Dr. Rails having come here a short time before. Dr. Hart practiced here for 20 years and then went to Monticello for two years. On account of failing health, he then retired to his farm which, when he purchased it, was a tract of dense woods lying along the canal, two and a half miles north of Spencerville. In addition to being a fertile and productive agricultural property, it is also valuable for the oil that underlies it, 12 wells having been already developed. Dr. Hart has cleared all this land with the exception of three acres. The land is well tiled and substantial buildings have been erected. Dr. Hart lives retired, having excellent tenants to look after his farming interests.

In April, 1889, Dr. Hart was married to Elizabeth Vashti Rathgeber, who is a daughter of Jacob Rathgeber, of Spencer township. Two years later the Doctor and wife retired to the farm where they enjoy all the comforts and a large number of the luxuries of life. Mrs. Hart takes great pleasure in her housekeeping and many of the Doctor's leisure hours are passed in his well-equipped library.

Dr. Hart is a staunch Republican and for







COL. HINCHMAN S. PROPHET






years was active in party affairs. He has served in various offices and on numerous boards since coming to Allen County. During two terms he was a member of the Spencerville Town Council and while on that body was appointed street commissioner. During his administration much of the east part of town was laid out, and it was Dr. Hart's suggestion that the street east of Pearl should be named "College" street. For two terms he was a member of the Board of Education, and was chairman of the board when the school building was erected. For over 11 years he was a member of the Board of Health. In every way he has been one of the public-spirited and useful citizens of Allen County and is held in general esteem. He is a member of the local G. A. R. post of which he has been surgeon.

Dr. Hart is a well-read man and a pleasant conversationalist, whose reminiscences of the early days of his practice in this locality are of a most interesting nature. In those days he visited his patients on horseback, the only possible way, as his calls often came from distant and isolated farmhouses, and he has had thrilling adventures when answering the calls of duty, pursuing his way through cold and storm, often at night, following bridle-paths through the forest.

The Doctor could have built up quite a fortune but he has always given bounteously of his means to all worthy objects. He has contributed to the erection of all the churches of his neighborhood as well as to their support.

OL. HINCHMAN S. PROPHET, one of the prominent and representative citizens of Lima, and one of the city's leading attorneys, with offices in the Holmes Block, was born at Evesham, Burlington County, New Jersey, and is a son of John and Catherine (Roberts) Prophet.

The parents of Colonel Prophet finally settled in Morrow County, Ohio, and spent the remainder of their lives there.

The father of our subject was a man of

sufficient means to give his son excellent school advantages at Cardington, Ohio, and he was but 20 years old when he commenced the study of the law, which he completed under the supervision of Judge J. A. Beebe, being admitted to the bar on February 2, 1860, before the Supreme Court of Ohio. Scarcely had he had time to realize the completion of the ambitious efforts of several strenuous years, and feel that he had made a fair beginning on his career, when the Civil War was precipitated. Among the first to offer their services, he served three months in Company C, 15th Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf., and at the close of this enlistment assisted in the organization of Company B. 43d Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf. Prior to 1863, when continued ill health led to his resignation, he was promoted from 2d lieutenant to the 1st lieutenant, and from 1st lieutenant to the captaincy. In the second battle of Corinth, in 1862, Captain Prophet was wounded. In his official report of the battle of Corinth, the commanding general made honorable mention of Captain Prophet, commending him for "conspicuous gallantry and efficiency in battle."

After his return home, he was commissioned colonel of the Second Regiment, Ohio Militia, by Governor David Tod. He organized and officered the regiment, but it was not called into service.

Resuming the duties which the call to arms had caused him to put aside, Colonel Prophet continued to practice law and for five years he also engaged in newspaper editing and publishing. In 1868 he was appointed postmaster of Mount Gilead, where he was then residing. In the fall of 1869, he was elected without opposition State Senator from the 17th and 28th districts and served his constituents well through his term of office; and what is remarkable he never missed a roll call nor a vote. He was a member of several important committees, among them "Common Schools and School Lands," and "Municipal Corporations."

He was also a member of a special committee that visited the Ohio Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans Home at Xenia, and on its recommendation the home was bought by the State.

In 1872 he removed to Lima, becoming a





member of the firm of Prophet & Eastman, a firm which has successfully handled a large part of the important litigation of this section for the past 25 years.

In May, 1870, Colonel Prophet, without solicitation, was made a member of the Phonetic Society, established in Bath, England, by Sir Isaac Pitman, the inventor of phonetic shorthand. He was the first official court reporter in the Northwest. He was a member of the Ohio Association of Stenographers, and also of the International Association. For four years he was city solicitor; for the same length of time was Prosecuting Attorney of Allen County.

In 1882 he was elected mayor of Lima; he served one term at this time, declining a renomination. In 1898 he was again elected mayor by the largest majority ever received by any candidate for mayor of the city. He again declined a renomination. In school and other local positions, he has been generous of his time, money and advice, having served 19 years as a member of the Board of Education, being president of the board for 10 years of this period. He has served as president of the Ohio Association of Boards of Education, and is a member of the National Association of School Boards and the National Educational Association, and many other educational associations.

Colonel Prophet was married December 25, 1867, to Frances A. Beebe, who is a daughter of Judge J. A. Beebe. They have four children, Edgar S., Herbert S., Grace Alice (Plate) and Kathryn E., who is a successful teacher at Lima. They enjoy the comforts of a beautiful home at No. 414 West North street, where hospitality abounds, and education and culture are found.

Politically, Colonel Prophet is identified with the Democratic Party. He is a worthy citizen and a Christian gentleman. The family belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church at Lima. Colonel Prophet is a member of the Society of the Army of the Tennessee, the Grand Army of the Republic and a number of fraternal orders.

For five consecutive years Colonel Prophet

has been appointed a delegate by the Governor to the National Conference of Charities and Corrections. His portrait accompanies this sketch, being shown on a preceding page.



APT. ALBERT E. GALE, a merchant tailor of Lima, was born, reared and educated in Lima, being a son of E. Gale, the pioneer tailor of this city. As soon as he was old enough to learn the business he entered his father's office to familiarize himself with the work and has been associated in the enterprise for the past 13 years. He is a shrewd, capable young man and is destined to become successful in business.

Mr. Gale is actively interested in the good government of the community; he is one of the leading Republicans of Allen County and has frequently served as delegate to State conventions. He has been a member of the city central committee for the past eight years, holding the office of treasurer for more than three years. He is captain of Company C, Second Regiment, Ohio National Guard, and served as sergeant in that company during the Spanish-American War. He is a member of the United Spanish War Veterans, and is also a prominent member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Elks.



HARLES C. HELLER, one of the leading business men of Beaver Dam, who conducts a large hardware store, tinshop and coal-yard, was born at Wapakoneta, Auglaize County, Ohio, December 19, 1864, and is a son of George C. and Johanna (Duvel) Heller.

George C. Heller, father of Charles C., was born in Baden, Germany, and the mother in Hanover. Both came to America in childhood with their parents. They have five children, as follows: Charles C.; Albert H., who is professor of civil engineering in the Ohio





State University; Henrietta, who is the wife of William Kayser; and Cora, who lives at home.

Charles C. Heller attended school in his native place until he was 16 years of age, and then went into his father's wagon-shop where he worked for some years. In 1892 he located at Beaver Dam, and in 1901 entered into the hardware business in partnership with C. T. Kolter and J. F. Seitz, under the firm name of Heller & Company. After one year Mr. Heller sold out to his partners and bought the hardware business of Emil Augsburg. Since that time Mr. Heller has continued in this line of business at Beaver Dam, carrying a large line of general hardware, stoves and tinware, operating a tin-shop, dealing also in farm implements and vehicles, and in coal. He is also manager and secretary of the Beaver Dam Home Telephone Company, which he organized in December, 1902.

Mr. Heller was married June 15, 1887, to Margaret Reid, who was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, but who was reared at Wapakoneta, and is a daughter of Thomas J. and Katherine Reid. They have four children: Marguerite, Madeline, Miriam and Alberta.

Politically Mr. Heller has been a lifelong Democrat and has frequently been elected to important local offices. He has been clerk and president of the School Board, for a number of terms has been a member of the Beaver Dam Board of Health, and for six years was corporation treasurer. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Modern Woodmen of America. He belongs to the German Evangelical Church.

**W**ILLIAM F. HOOVER, of Hoover & Company, the well-known, genial furniture dealer of Lima, was born in Allen County in 1869 and is a son of John and Bernadina Hoover, who are esteemed citizens of this city, now in the evening of life. John Hoover is a native of Holland, but has been a citizen of America since his sixth year. He came to Allen County about the year 1850 and

helped in the building of the C., H. & D. and the P., Ft. W. & C. railways.

William F. Hoover received his education in the public schools of Lima and at the age of 12 years entered the employ of Charles Garrison, remaining with that gentleman until he went out of business. His next employers were Donze & Campbell, in whose employ he continued four years, until 1889, when he and his brother John opened a furniture store under the firm name of Hoover Brothers. In 1899 the death of his brother occurred and since then Mr. Hoover has conducted the business alone. He has built up a large business and in addition to the store in Lima has a branch store at Mansfield. He is the veteran furniture man of Lima, having been in the business for more than a quarter of a century. He is also interested in real estate and is in every way a representative citizen of the county.

In 1893, Mr. Hoover was united in marriage to Ida M. Reed, a daughter of Salem Reed, a prominent farmer of Shawnee township. Two bright children have been born to this union, Palleene and Alleene. While Mr. Hoover is a Democrat in his political views, he does not always vote the straight ticket, as he always gives his support to the man best fitted for the office. He is a member of the B. P. O. E. and the Eagles and has been an officer in both orders.

**M**RS. MARY CHAMBERLIN, an esteemed resident of Elida, is the widow of the late William Chamberlin. She was born in Perry County, Ohio, May 1, 1841, and is a daughter of George and Mary (Stemen) Hunsaker, who located in Marion township, Allen County, when their daughter Mary was a child of 11 years. She obtained her education in the district schools of Marion township and at the age of 19 years, in 1860, became the wife of James Carman, a farmer of Sugar Creek township. Three years later he was laid to rest in Carman cemetery and his widow was left with two children, George and Elizabeth, who married Abel Pitzenberger and at





death left one child—Ebert. George Carman was born January 2, 1861, and married Rebecca Goode, a native of Perry County. Seven children have been born to them, only four of whom survive, viz: Vernie, who married Ora Herring; Alveda, who became the wife of Carl Billimack and is the mother of two children—Agnes and a child that died in infancy; James and Bessie.

Eleven years after the death of Mr. Carman, his widow was married to Armstead Hunt who died one year later. One child was born to this union, Armstead Mason Hunt, Jr., whose splendid manhood fulfilled the promise of his earlier years. Seeking to make his own way in life, he had entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company as brakeman and, in January, 1901, while running on a local at Upper Sandusky met his death in the service. He had been reared and educated in Sugar Creek township, where he was a universal favorite and his untimely death cast a gloom over the entire community.

In September, 1890, Mrs. Hunt was married to William Chamberlin, a carpenter who resided in Elida. Her life has been one of mingled sunshine and shadow but the latter has often been so dark that it gave no hint of recurring sunshine, and only her abiding trust in her heavenly Father has enabled her to bear her crosses with fortitude and calmness. She is a devout Christian, a member of the United Brethren Church of Elida, and her life has been an inspiration to those about her. Mrs. Chamberlin is well situated financially, owning the home in Elida and also a good farm of 115 acres in Sugar Creek township. She possesses marked business ability and is a woman who is esteemed and respected by all who know her.

**H**ON. HOWARD W. PEARS, president of the Lima Business College and a member of the State Legislature, is among the most prominent and influential citizens of the county. He is a native of the Buckeye State, having been born in Cuyahoga County, Ohio, in 1868. At the age of 12 years Mr. Pears started to fight

his own battles, which he has continued to do in order to achieve whatever he has accomplished in the fields of education, business and politics. He was educated at Willoughby, Lake County, and engaged in teaching in that county for several terms. In 1890 Mr. Pears went to Colorado and, desiring to equip himself for a business career, completed a course in the business college in Colorado Springs, and for one year held a position as private secretary to the president of the Rio Grande Hotel Company. He then established a private school of stenography and engaged in general reporting until the spring of 1893. The experience gained during the three years he was thus employed proved invaluable to him in later years.

Returning to Ohio, he located in Lima and purchased the Lima Business College in 1893. At that time its pupils numbered about 40, and Professor Pears at once set about improving the school by establishing a practical system of training that would enable the student who had finished a course in his institution to at once take charge of the work for which he had studied. A high grade of work was required from the pupil, and no pains were spared to make the training as thorough and practical as though obtained in actual business, and the result soon began to be manifest in the facility with which the students of the Lima Business College obtained desirable situations. Not only was there a constant demand for them, but it soon became apparent that they were generally satisfactory to their employers, and these combined circumstances resulted in an increased attendance at the school. One year after taking charge, Professor Pears found it necessary to engage an assistant in the work, which was growing to such proportions that he could not do it the justice he wished, and I. F. Clem became a partner and is now secretary of the institution. In 1896 the college was incorporated, with a capital stock of \$5,000, and has steadily grown until it now has an annual enrollment of 300 pupils, and ranks second to none in Ohio.

In 1899 Professor Pears was united in marriage to Anna Schnabel, a daughter of Charles Schnabel, of Lima, and a lady of





many pleasing and gracious qualities. They are members of the Disciples' Church and take a prominent part in the social life of the city. The Professor has been a lifelong Democrat, and has always taken an active part in the advancement of that cause. That he is popular among his colleagues is shown by the fact that he was nominated for the Legislature over two of the older politicians at the county primary election held August 14, 1905, and in the fall election received next to the highest number of votes of any candidate.

**H**W. BENNETT conducts the principal undertaking and embalming business at Lima and is a veteran in this business, although he has been located in Lima only about four years. He is a son of Henry Bennett, a prosperous farmer of Medina County, Ohio, where our subject was born in 1869. After finishing his schooling, he became a teacher in his native county and for five years was a very successful one; but desiring a more permanent occupation and one in which he could engage throughout the entire year he went to Wellington, Lorain County, and opened a furniture store in connection with which he had an undertaking department. In order to perfect himself in this work he took lessons in embalming and received diplomas from Professor Myers, of Springfield, Ohio, and from Prof. Charles A. Renoard, of New York City. In 1901 he moved his business to Lima and now has the largest establishment of the kind in this part of the State. He is a member of the National Funeral Directors' Association and president of the Ohio Funeral Directors' and Embalmers' Association, keeping in close touch with all the latest developments and discoveries in his particular line of work.

Mr. Bennett was married in 1890 to Ida Bauer, daughter of Jacob Bauer, of Liverpool, Medina County, Ohio. Their family consists of three bright children. They are members of Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church and are earnest workers in that body. Fraternally

Mr. Bennett is connected with the Masonic order, Elks, Odd Fellows, Modern Woodmen of America and Woodmen of the World.

**J**ULIUS KENDALL FETTER, one of the substantial farmers and well-known citizens of Bath township, was born on his present farm in section 27, which consists of 109 acres of well-improved land, on November 28, 1870, and is a son of George and Sarah (Ward) Fetter.

George Fetter was born in Baden, Germany, August 15, 1826, and died on the homestead in Bath township, Allen County, on January 2, 1895, at the age of 68 years. He came to the United States in boyhood with his parents, who settled in Allen County. Here George Fetter's whole life was passed. He had few early advantages of any kind, but was a man of persevering industry and frugal habits, and when he died he was the largest landowner in the township, having fully 1,000 acres. He was an extensive dealer in livestock, and for a number of years received a good income from a fine stone quarry on his place. For many years he was connected with financial institutions in Lima, and was interested in gold mining at other points. Always a staunch supporter of the Democratic party, he was elected to offices of trust and responsibility in his township. He was strict in his observances of the tenets of the Lutheran Church.

George Fetter married Sarah Ward, who was born in Ohio and died in 1885 at the age of 52 years. She was a good Christian woman and a faithful wife and mother. The nine children born to them were: John W., deceased; Elizabeth (Gray); Eliza Ellen (Hull), also of Bath township; Daniel E., George R., Jacob E. and Julius K., all of Bath township; Allie (Mrs. Joshua Bible), of Bath township; and Ida Sarah (Griffith), of Bath township.

Julius K. Fetter has always resided on the homestead farm and has followed teaming and farming. For some years he did a great deal of teaming in the oil field and has had as many





as nine teams in operation at once. He has carried on a general line of farming, his land being well adapted to the growing of the staple grains. His buildings, which are commodious and substantial, were erected during his father's lifetime.

In 1890 Mr. Fetter was married to Susan Coon, the daughter of neighbors, William and Jane Coon, now residing in Amanda township. They have one son, Orris D., who is attending school.

Mr. Fetter, like his father, is a staunch Democrat and he has always been a zealous party man. He has served in local offices and during his term as road supervisor gave great satisfaction throughout the township.

**A**RTHUR L. JONES, M. D., physician and surgeon at Lima, and the city's careful and capable health officer, was born at Manchester, England, August 20, 1871, and is a son of Lloyd and Mary (Burbeck) Jones.

The parents of Dr. Jones are of English birth and rearing. The father brought his family to America during the youth of our subject and settled at Fort Wayne, Indiana, where he was engaged for a number of years in a mercantile business, and where he now resides retired. His family consisted of 10 children.

Arthur L. Jones was mainly reared and educated at Fort Wayne. From his boyhood he was interested in medicine. In order to hasten the time when he could enter medical college, he taught physical culture and engaged in an electric business. His medical studies were completed at the Fort Wayne Medical College, where he was graduated in the class of 1897. He chose Lima as his field of practice and established himself in this city in April, 1897. He belongs to all the leading medical associations of the State, thus keeping in touch with the latest medical thought, and is practical enough to recognize the real value of many of the most widely heralded modern methods of practice. He has shown the skill and ability which have brought him a large

clientele. His standing in the profession and known ability caused his selection as city health officer.

Dr. Jones was united in marriage with Harriet A. Wilson, who is a daughter of Walter B. Wilson, formerly of Fort Wayne, Indiana, but now of Lima, and they have one daughter, Mildred. Dr. and Mrs. Jones are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The family residence is situated at No. 418 West Spring street. Politically Dr. Jones is a Republican. Fraternally he is connected with the Masons and the Odd Fellows.

**J**OHAN QUINTON JAMIESON, one of the popular and public-spirited citizens of Spencerville, who is largely interested in oil production and is identified with numerous other enterprises, was born December 27, 1865, in McKean County, Pennsylvania, and is a son of Quinton and Amanda (Snyder) Jamieson.

The parents of Mr. Jamieson still reside at Bradford, Pennsylvania, where they have reared 11 children, all of the eight survivors residing in that State, with the exception of our subject and a younger brother.

From the age of 15 years Mr. Jamieson has made his own way in the world. He has worked in every capacity in the oil business, beginning at the bottom of the ladder and successfully climbing until now he ranks with the capitalists of Ohio. As a driller he gained a wide acquaintance and reputation for efficiency, in connection with his uncle, R. S. Jamieson, with whom he took up the first leases in and around Spencerville. For two and a half years prior to 1892, when he came to Allen County, Mr. Jamieson was engaged in drilling salt-wells in England. The first work undertaken by him in Allen County was drilling on the farm of J. B. Sunderland, in Amanda township. Then with his uncle he entered into contract drilling for the Standard Oil Company, but from 1895 until 1900 they produced for themselves. At the latter date R. S. Jamieson sold his interest to Harry D. Weill, and the firm then became Jamieson & Weill, which continued until 1903, when our subject bought







ISAAC LUDWIG



MRS. SOPHRONIA H. LUDWIG





Mr. Weill's interest and since then has been alone. In connection with caring for his own interests, he looks after those of Henry Weill, of Buffalo, New York, the father of his former partner. He has an interest in 16 different wells, he and his uncle having drilled some 300 wells in Allen and adjacent counties. Aside from his large oil interests, Mr. Jamieson is interested in a commission business, which ships from the neighborhood of Spencerville from 1,000 to 2,000 pounds of dressed poultry a week and from one to two car-loads of hogs. He is a man of recognized business ability and is a notable example of the success which attends persistent endeavor, even in the face of most discouraging conditions.

In 1890, in England, Mr. Jamieson was married to Mary Heslop, who was born in Port Clarence, near Middlesborough, Yorkshire, England, one of a family of 11 children, she being the only one whose home is in America. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Jamieson in Spencerville is one of beauty and luxury; it stands on South Elizabeth street in the center of a park of two acres in extent, one of the most attractive of the modern residences of Spencerville. The one daughter of this marriage, Maud A., born in England in December, 1891, died before her childhood was over, being aged but a few months beyond 13 years.

Although a very public-spirited citizen, Mr. Jamieson has never consented to accept any political favors, refusing on many occasions nominations to county offices. He is a member of the Blue Lodge F. & A. M., and the Chapter, R. A. M., at Spencerville, and belongs also to the Knights of the Maccabees.

**I**SAAC LUDWIG, one of the prominent farmers of Marion township, residing on a well-improved farm in section 32, is a survivor of the Civil War. He is a member of a staunch old American family and of a pioneer one in Ohio. He was born January 3, 1842, at Stringtown, Pickaway County, Ohio, and is a son of Jacob and Louisa (DeLong) Ludwig, and a grandson of Jacob and Elizabeth (Fink) Ludwig.

The Ludwig name in America dates back to the time of George Washington, for it was during the War of the Revolution that an ancestor of the subject of this sketch joined the army under Washington. He was the great-grandfather of Jacob Ludwig, our subject's father, who came as a pioneer into Marion township, Allen County, Ohio. One of the sons of the above named Revolutionary soldier, Jacob by name, married a Miss Reece, who is supposed to have been a native of Germany. She became the mother of nine children and died at her home on the banks of the Susquehanna River, near the towns of Mifflinville and Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania, many years before her husband, who lived to the age of 90 years. One of their children was given the family name of Jacob and he was the father of Jacob Ludwig, grandfather of our subject.

This Jacob Ludwig was born in Pennsylvania, probably near the Susquehanna River. He married Elizabeth Fink, a member of an old Pennsylvania-Dutch family which was established near Milton, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania. Their children were: Sophia, William, Jacob and George W. Grandfather Ludwig was a soldier of the War of 1812. In 1818 he moved to Pickaway County, Ohio, and died on his farm in that county in 1824, aged 33 years. His widow married George Crites, and they had two daughters—Fredericka and Ozilla, the former of whom married John Deal and the latter, Josephus Drum, both of Upper Sandusky, Ohio. Mrs. George Crites died September 26, 1879, and George Crites died in Pickaway County, prior to this. Sophia Ludwig, the only daughter of Jacob Ludwig, married Charles Crites in 1833, and removed with her husband to Allen County in 1839; it was at her home that her mother passed away. The children of Charles and Sophia (Ludwig) Crites were: Daniel, Jacob, Catherine, Betsey, Rebecca, Cyrus, Elias, Emanuel, Mary E., Charles, George and Fredericka.

Jacob Ludwig, father of our subject, was born in Salt Creek township, Pickaway County, Ohio, December 10, 1818, and was six years old when his father died. At the age of eight, on account of his mother's strait-





eried circumstances, he was bound out, first to Peter Maney and then to John Pontius. His experience with these men, both of whom were harsh task-masters, was the sad one to which childhood, in those days, was obliged to submit. He endured privations, indignities and long hours of labor until he was 15 years old, when his mother took him to the home of John Crites, where he remained until he was 18 years of age. He was then apprenticed to the blacksmith trade, with Charles Crites, his brother-in-law, with whom he almost completed his apprenticeship. Then he returned to John Crites, with whom he lived two more years, during a part of this time being proprietor of a blacksmith shop.

On March 2, 1841, Jacob Ludwig was married to Louisa DeLong, who was a daughter of Andrew and Catherine (Laudig) DeLong, a family originally from Pennsylvania; later, pioneers in Pickaway County, Ohio. The DeLongs had 11 children, and Louisa, mother of our subject, was the seventh child. Their names were as follows: John, Rebecca, Isaac, Elizabeth, Susan, Catherine, Louisa, Caroline, Sarah, Amelia and Andrew. Louisa DeLong was a descendant of Huguenot families, which were driven out of France, about 1620, during their persecution. An ancestor by the name of Peter DeLong came to this country in 1720. On his arrival at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, he took his family to Berks County near the present city of Reading, Pennsylvania. A descendant of his was drowned or crushed under a raft of logs in the Little Schuylkill River about 1799, leaving a wife and five children, one of whom, Andrew, was the father of Louisa DeLong, the mother of Isaac Ludwig. Andrew DeLong married Catherine Laudig, a daughter of Peter and Catherine Laudig. Peter Laudig was a descendant of a Huguenot family; his wife Catherine was a descendant of a Hebrew family, which were driven out of France and came to New York on account of religious persecutions.

After this marriage, Jacob Ludwig settled at Stringtown, Pickaway County, where the family lived until after the birth of our subject, and then removed to Adelphi, Ross

County, for seven years and from there to near Elida, Allen County, in May, 1849. He worked there at his forge until the following September, when he purchased a tract of land containing  $39\frac{1}{4}$  acres in section 33, Marion township, Allen County, situated on the Auglaize River. The land was all wild with the exception of 16 acres, on which Mr. Ludwig found a log cabin, which served for the family home until the following year, when he completed the residence which still stands in good condition. He became a very large landowner before his death, having accumulated some 575 acres, mainly situated in Marion township. He had excellent business perceptions and was of industrious habits, and was aided in his work by the help and advice of his good wife Louisa. He was also a man of moral purpose and religious conviction. Prior to moving to Allen County, he had been a Lutheran, later he attended the Methodist Church, but on February 12, 1869, he united with the Presbyterian Church, of Delphos, Ohio, under Rev. Reed. Two of his sons, Isaac and Obed A., are elders in the Presbyterian Church—Isaac in the Delphos church and Obed A. in the Bluffton church.

The children of Jacob and Louisa Ludwig were as follows: Isaac; John D., born October 14, 1849, who lives at Fort Wayne, Indiana; Charles C., born May 12, 1853, who lives in Marion township; Mary Jane, born February 2, 1856, who is the wife of George W. King, residing near Fremont, Sandusky County, Ohio; Obed A., born March 20, 1859, who resides at Bluffton; and Jacob L., born December 13, 1861, who resides in Marion township near the residence in which he was born.

Jacob Ludwig died February 21, 1903, at the age of 84 years, 2 months and 11 days. At that time six of his nine children were living, 25 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He was also survived by his second wife, formerly Mrs. Sophia (Crites) Dennis, a daughter of John Crites. At the time of his first marriage Mr. Ludwig's means were so small that he was obliged to borrow the money with which to pay the minister his fee. Mr. Ludwig lived to see his signature honored at every financial institution where it was pre-





sented and for almost any amount. Although his education was meagre, attending but part of a three-months term of school, he was a well-read man and a thorough student of the Bible, many of the leaves of a number of copies in his home being worn from constant perusal as to be no longer usable when his kindly eyes were no longer able to read over promises precious to him. His was no lip service at his church, for he loved the sanctuary and was seldom absent from his accustomed place, until he partly lost the sense of hearing. He still continued, however, to pay liberally to the support of the church when asked.

Isaac Ludwig was the eldest born of these estimable, worthy parents and his home training was all in the direction of industry, temperance and morality. He was seven years old when his parents came to Allen County and his schooling was secured in the little log structures, which at that time were considered entirely adequate for the educational needs of the children. He was reared a practical farmer and prior to the outbreak of the Civil War his horizon was probably bounded entirely in his thoughts with the limits of his county. When recruits began to pour into the towns from the peaceful, surrounding farms, our subject was one of the first to offer his services and was enlisted in Company B, McLaughlin's Squadron, Ohio Vol. Cav., in which he served three years, receiving an honorable discharge as a paroled prisoner from Libby Prison, where he had been incarcerated for a time. Mr. Ludwig relates many interesting incidents of war times, many of those which seldom get into print and in many of which he took part. Space must be given here for at least one of these on account of its pleasant sequel. On March 11, 1865, while the command was stationed near Fayetteville, North Carolina, he, with four companions, was detailed to go on a foraging expedition. The party soon reached a mill not a great distance from their camp. Two of the party were detailed to grind corn in the mill while the other two went to the farmhouse to prospect for some chickens. In the meantime a squad of Wheeler's troopers, belonging to the Ninth Kentucky Cavalry, slipped up to the mill, and in short order our

subject and his companions were made prisoners of war. The officer in charge of the arresting party was Lieut. Albery K. Houk, who, with southern courtesy, treated his prisoners well. Before sending them on to Richmond, the officer asked a favor of Mr. Ludwig, to whom he seemed especially attracted. This was, that when exchanged, the Union soldier should write up the circumstances and send the account to the father of Lieutenant Houk, the son he could not reach, and assure him of his son's welfare. It is needless to add that Mr. Ludwig did so, and the reply he received he values as one of his treasures. This did not close the incident. In 1895, when attending the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, held at Louisville, Kentucky, Mr. Ludwig learned that the former Confederate officer was living on a farm near Rowletts, Kentucky, on the route to the Mammoth Cave. He quickly made his decision to call on his former captor after visiting the great natural wonder. He relates that the genuine Southern hospitality afforded him and his wife by members of the Houk family, will never be forgotten. The acquaintance and friendship is still maintained; pictures have been exchanged, and it is likely that should either Mr. Ludwig or Lieutenant Houk be questioned as to what is the present point of issue between the Blue and the Gray, both would answer with emphasis, "*Nothing.*"

In 1866 Mr. Ludwig was married to Sophronia J. Harbaugh, a daughter of Thomas and Mary (Exline) Harbaugh. The late Thomas Harbaugh died in Steuben County, Indiana, April 7, 1884. He was born in Harbaugh's Valley, near Sabillasville, Frederick County, Maryland, in 1796, and was a son of Yost Harbaugh, a farmer in the valley. He and his family were among the first converts of Otterbein and Boehm, the founders of the United Brethren Church. His commodious barn was used for many years as a temple of worship. His grandfather, named Ludwig Harbaugh, born in Switzerland about the year 1728, was a member of the original family that emigrated from Switzerland to America in 1732.

Thomas Harbaugh's education was limited





in scope, his chances for attending school being very small. He was apprenticed in boyhood to a cabinet-maker, and became a thorough workman at the craft. He always said that what was worth doing at all was worth doing well and carried this idea out in all his activities. His pioneer life taught him frugal habits and these he retained through life. His character was steadfast; his manner of life, simple and unostentatious. He lived every day alike. His word was one of honor among all his acquaintances.

Mr. Harbaugh was married in Maryland, but soon after marriage moved to Muskingum County, Ohio, and later to Sandyville, Ohio, where all his children were born, except the first four. In 1846 to 1847 he removed to Putnam County, Ohio, and bought a quarter-section in Pleasant township, and the next year moved his family to the new home, which at that time was in the midst of a forest. Settlers were few and far apart. His children numbered 13; three of these died in infancy, and one at the age of 17 years. Nine lived to marry and rear families of their own and, of the nine, six are still living, the youngest of these nearing his 60th birthday. Two sons were volunteers in the Civil War; one of these, Valentine Harbaugh, now resides at Bunker Hill, Kansas, while the other, Rev. T. J. Harbaugh, is a minister well known all over this part of the State. Mr. Harbaugh, wife and daughter lie side by side in Truro Cemetery near Columbus Grove, and an enduring granite shaft marks their resting place.

The children born to Isaac Ludwig and wife were four in number, namely: Thomas J., Omar I., Luella and Edwin Guy. Luella died at the age of 16 years, a crushing grief to the family. Thomas J. married Daisy Peters, of Allen County and has two children—Mary and Lawrence Dana. They reside on "Sunny Side Farm," owned by Mr. Ludwig. The second son married Daisie Musetta Taylor, and they have four children—Cecil Rowland, Sidney Merwin, Nellie and an infant. They live on the old homestead farm, in section 28, a property owned by Mr. Ludwig. Edwin Guy, the youngest son, lives in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and is employed in the operating depart-

ment of the P., Ft. W. & C. Railway. He is not only a splendid specimen of physical manhood, weighing over 200 pounds, but is also a manly, pleasant young gentleman. He spent three years in the Philippine Islands as a member of the Hospital Corps, in the United States Army.

Mr. Ludwig has long been one of Marion township's representative citizens, foremost in all movements of local importance and one of the solid, substantial, well-informed men of his neighborhood. He is president of the Farmers' Institute in Marion township, is a member of Marion Grange, No. 302, of which he has been master, and belongs to Edith Lodge, Knights of Honor. For many years he has been identified with Masonic bodies, being a member of Hope Lodge, No. 214, F. & A. M.; Delphos Chapter, No. 105, R. A. M.; Council No. 72, R. & S. M., and is also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. He takes an active interest also in Reul Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, of which he is a valued member. Politically he is identified with the Republican party.

Portraits of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Ludwig accompany this sketch, being presented on a foregoing page.

**G**EORGE W. HARNER, a prominent and influential citizen and large property owner of Allen County, residing in section 23, German township, was born April 22, 1850, in Mercer County, Ohio, and is a son of Ruhel and Sallie (Ryder) Harner.

Ruhel Harner was born and reared in Mercer County where he was married. He was the soul of loyalty and patriotism, and when the Civil War cast its dark cloud over our country, he was among the first to enlist in the 31st Regiment, Ohio Vol. Inf. However the company had more than its quota and he was sent home. He reenlisted in the same regiment but was sent home from Columbus, Ohio, on account of sickness. He then tried enlisting as a teamster, but was no more successful than before and his fourth enlistment resulted as the previous ones had done. Soon






after the fourth failure, he again enlisted as a teamster and was sent to the front where he forfeited his life in behalf of the country and the flag he loved so well. On New Year's Day, 1864, while out foraging at Cumberland Gap, the entire company of 35 men, except two were taken prisoners by the enemy and sent to Libby Prison, the "Inferno" of the Rebel stronghold, where so many brave boys in blue suffered agony and death. Not one of this party of 33 ever breathed the air of freedom again. Of the two who escaped capture, one was Miles Ryder, an uncle of our subject, and the other a sick man whom Mr. Ryder managed to hide from the enemy. After three weary days of hiding and untold hardships, they succeeded in returning to the camp in safety.

George W. Harner was reared in Mercer County and attended district school until his 13th year, when he left the school-room to learn his lessons in the larger school of experience. The family owned 130 acres of land in Center township, Mercer County, and it was here he first engaged in farming. After several years devoted to agricultural pursuits, he became a commercial traveler and for 10 years was engaged in selling farm machinery for the McCormick, Deering and International harvester companies. He has made a success of whatever he has undertaken and has been able to accumulate considerable property, being constantly engaged in buying and selling land.

On August 25, 1870, Mr. Harner was married to Charlotte Walker, daughter of Samuel and Susan (McMullin) Walker, of Wayne County, Ohio, and nine children have been born to them, namely: W. V., born February 8, 1871; B. F., born December 8, 1872; C. O. born September 11, 1875; Harry, born August 28, 1877; Edward, born April 26, 1881; Lillie May, born September 9, 1883, deceased October 27, 1902; Elden, born July 1, 1889; Oscar, born July 9, 1892; and Hershell, born March 17, 1897. W. V. Harner married Ida Turner, of Indiana and resides at Montpelier, Indiana, where he is a driller in the oil field. B. F. Harner, who resides at Van Buren, Indiana, and is working in the oil field, married

Mary Shillinger of Lima and has four children. C. O. Harner, who resides near his father's place, married Pearl Wooster and has four children living and one deceased. Harry Harner, who resides at Van Buren, Indiana, and works in the oil field, married Annie Blaize, of Lima, and had four children, one of whom is dead. Edward Harner married Louie Judkin. Mr. Harner is a member of the I. O. O. F. lodge at Elida and a member of the United Brethren Church at Lima. He was a church trustee for 15 years while residing in Mercer County.

AMUEL SPYKER, for many years a prominent resident of Shawnee township, was the father of Joel Spyker, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. Locating in Shawnee township early as 1837, he materially aided in the development of what is now one of the richest townships in Ohio, clearing his farm and assisting in the building of roads.

Samuel Spyker was born at Circleville, Ohio, November 13, 1813, and was a son of Henry and Elizabeth (Todd) Spyker, his father being a native of Pennsylvania and his mother, of Kentucky.

His parents were pioneers of Pickaway and Allen counties, dying in the latter at advanced ages.

Samuel Spyker was reared in his native county and acquired the trades of plasterer and brick mason. He worked on a farm and at his trades in Pickaway County until 1837, when he located in Allen County, settling upon a farm in section 25, Shawnee township, which is still owned by his heirs. He cleared this farm, as well as a 100-acre tract east of the homestead and in the same section. Here he resided until his death in 1897, in Shawnee township thereby losing one of its most substantial and public-spirited citizens.

Samuel Spyker was first married December 13, 1835, to Sarah Weaver, a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Fox) Weaver, and they had eight children, seven of whom reached maturity as follows: Martin; Lewis; Elizabeth, wife of Francis Stevenson; Allen; Mary,





wife of Francis Mohler; Henry, deceased; and Jacob. After the death of Mrs. Spyker, Samuel Spyker formed a second union August 13, 1851, with Margaret Losch, a daughter of Michael and Eva (Smith) Losch, by whom he had 12 children, as follows: Jonathan; Sarah, Samuel, Peter and Theodore, all deceased; Effie, wife of D. Tippy; Charles, deceased; Joel; Nettie; Addie; and twins who died in infancy. Two of his 12 sons served with distinction in the Civil War.

Politically, our subject was a lifelong Democrat. In religious connections both he and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

**J**OEL SPYKER, one of the substantial and prominent citizens of Perry township, president of the Consumers' Fuel, Building & Supply Company, a large oil operator and producer for a number of years, has recently taken possession of his fine farm of 240 acres in section 9, Perry township. Mr. Spyker was born in Shawnee township, Allen County, Ohio, March 29, 1865, and is a son of the late Samuel Spyker, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume.

Joel Spyker attended the schools of Shawnee township, passed two years in academic study at Cridersville, and later went to Ottawa, where he was graduated in 1887. He then returned to the old homestead farm in Shawnee township, but soon interested himself in the oil industry and became a large operator and producer in the Ohio and Indiana oil fields. For a considerable period he was the most extensive operator of this section. Mr. Spyker is gradually reducing his interests in this line, disposing of his oil properties in order to give more attention to his productive farm in section 9, Perry township. He is still associated with the German-American and the Niagara oil companies and is the president and a stockholder of the Consumers' Fuel, Building & Supply Company.

In point of location, fertility and improvements the farm owned by Mr. Spyker is among the finest in the county. In connection with

other interests he operates a dairy for which he keeps a herd of choice Jersey cows. Amid beautiful surroundings, his stately brick residence has been constructed according to the most modern architectural designs, and is the type of an ideal rural home, in which is combined the advantages of the country and the conveniences of the city. The out-buildings are also modern and commodious. The great barn, especially is convenient, sanitary and even ornamental, and the lighting is entirely by electricity.

In 1887 Mr. Spyker was married to Mary Driscoll, who was born in Williams County, Ohio, and is a daughter of Dennis Driscoll, who died when Mrs. Spyker was but 18 months old. Mr. and Mrs. Spyker have a family of five children, viz: Lawrence K., Gertrude, Florence, Erma and Elenor. The family is identified with the Presbyterian Church.

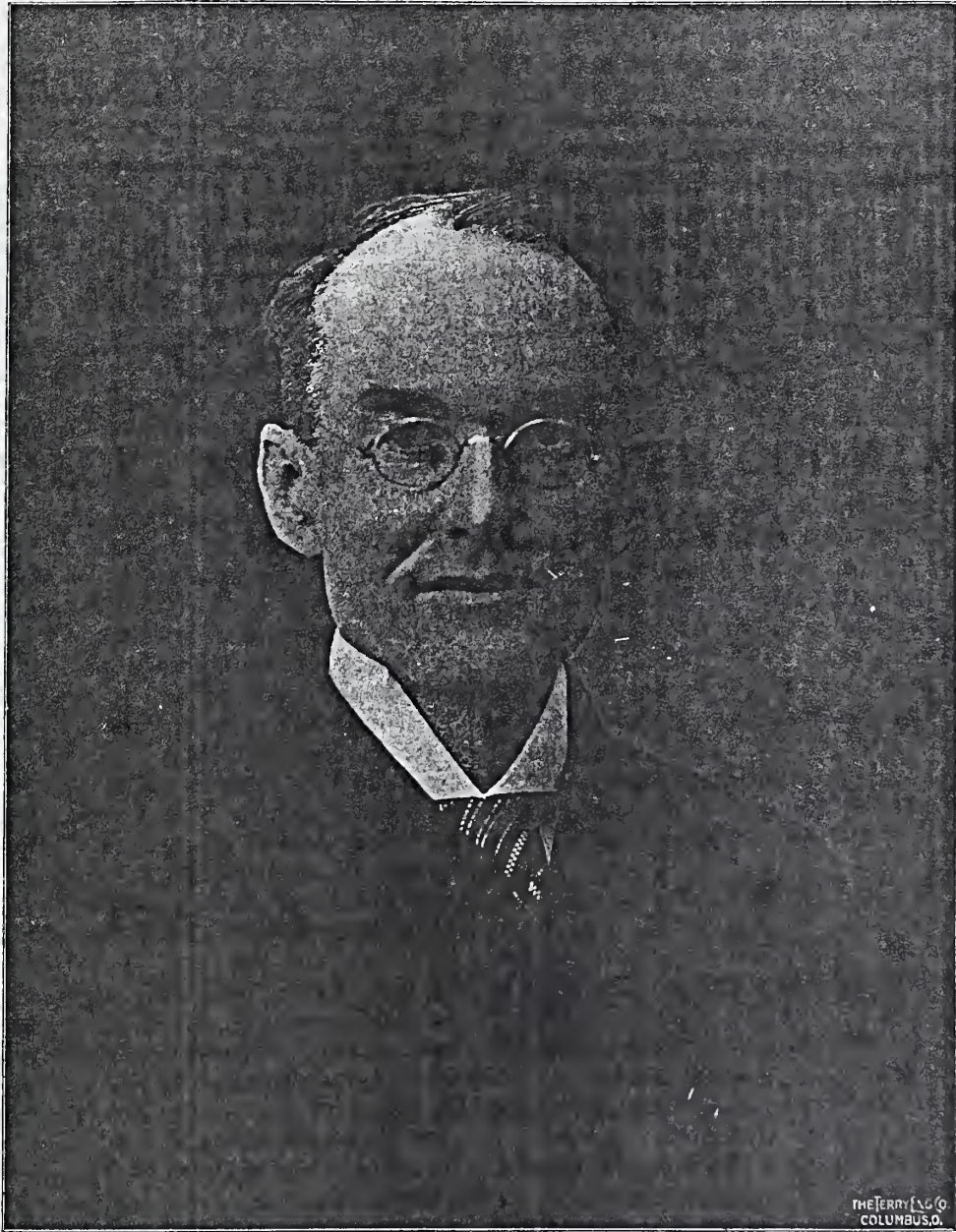
Mr. Spyker has always been a leader in movements conducive to the public welfare. He has served for four years as a member of the Lima Board of Education, and has evinced much interest in all movements tending to civic advancement. His fraternal connections include membership in Solar Lodge, No. 783, and Lima Encampment, No. 62, I. O. O. F. He also belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America.

**J**OHAN N. BAILEY, one of Spencerville's prominent and esteemed citizens, president of the Farmers' Bank of Spencerville, has been one of the leading members of the Allen County bar for many years. Mr. Bailey was born in Moulton township, Allen County, which section now is included in Auglaize County, September 3, 1839, and is a son of Christopher and Nancy (Noble) Bailey.

Thomas Bailey, the grandfather, was born in Virginia and there married Mary Timberlake, a member of an old family still prominent in the "Old Dominion." In 1808 Thomas Bailey and wife migrated to Ohio as pioneers in Highland County. They brought with them their son Christopher, then a babe less than one year old, who was reared in







CYRUS D. CRITES





Highland County under the conditions which made the youth of that period and locality robust of frame and strong of brain. He taught school, studied civil engineering by himself, followed farming and remained in Highland County until 1835. He was 28 years of age when he came to Allen County and entered 160 acres of land, in Moulton township, which he developed into a fine farm. Here he reared a creditable family with comfort, and after a long and useful life, during which he had filled almost all the offices of trust and responsibility in the county, he passed away in 1891. His wife preceded him in 1888. During his earlier years he adhered to the family religious belief, the Baileys being Quakers as far back as the perilous days of their religion in the reign of King Charles II.; but later he became identified with the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he was an exemplary member.

Christopher Bailey was married, first, to Phoebe Baker, who died after the birth of two sons, Jacob and Walter, both of whom are now deceased. He married, second, Nancy Noble, who was born in Clinton County, Ohio, in 1815. The issue of this marriage was as follows: John N., of Spencerville; Girard, a practicing physician of Mercer County, who served in the Civil War as captain of his company; Joshua, who was a member of Company B, 99th Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf., and lost his life in the battle at Paris, Kentucky, during the Civil War; Greene, a farmer in Auglaize County, Ohio, and Elisha, who died in early manhood.

Until his 17th year our subject lived at home, attending the district schools and assisting in the work on the farm. He then learned the carpenter's trade, at which he worked during the summer seasons and taught school in the winter, until he was 40 years of age. Although his success was sufficient to insure him a comfortable income, it was not in the line in which his inclinations led, his ambition being to enter the legal profession. When not otherwise engaged, he read by himself and during the winters of 1880 and 1882 attended the Cincinnati Law School, where he was graduated in the latter year. He located at Spencerville where he still resides, and is considered

one of the most active as well as capable practitioners in the county. His name has been associated with the successful prosecution of many of the most important cases which have come into the courts in this section of the State. He is the owner of several large stock-farms in Spencer and Amanda townships. Since 1891 he has been president of the Farmers' Bank of Spencerville, which he and his son-in-law, Austin Britton, who was cashier, established in that year.

Mr. Bailey was married, first, to Minerva Baber, who died at the age of 36 years survived by these children: Mary A. (Wilson); Minnie, wife of O. P. Hephart; Alice (Williams) deceased; Emma (Britton); Charles T., Lillian M., wife of Bert Colt, of Spencerville; and Arthur H., who married Bertha Eysenbach. The second marriage of Mr. Bailey was to Mrs. Hannah Caldwell, of Darke County, Ohio. She is a lady much interested in the Sunday-school work of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to which the family belong.

Politically Mr. Bailey is affiliated with the Republican party. Fraternally he is a Mason, being a member of Acadia Lodge, No. 306, of Spencerville, and belongs also to the Knights of Pythias. Mr. and Mrs. Bailey have traveled extensively; in 1889 he enjoyed a long sojourn in Europe where he visited many points of historic interest.



YRUS D. CRITES, cashier of The First National Bank of Lima and a leading citizen of Lima and Allen County, is a member of one of the best known and most highly respected families of the county. He was born in German township, Allen County, Ohio, May 11, 1855, and is a son of Jacob and Mary J. (Cremean) Crites. He remained on his father's farm working in summer and attending the district school in winter until 20 years of age, except that the last three winters he taught school in Amanda township.

He then left the farm to accept the principalship of the schools at Cridersville, Auglaize County, in which position he served four





consecutive years, during which time he served as secretary and president of the Auglaize County Teachers' Institute. His last year in educational work was as principal of the schools at Beaver Dam, Allen County. In 1881 he entered the office of the county auditor of Allen County as chief deputy. He served for a period as deputy United States marshal for the Northern District of Ohio under the first Cleveland administration, relinquishing this position to assume the duties of county auditor of Allen County, to which office he was elected in 1887. He was re-elected in 1890, receiving a majority of 2,200 votes over Jacob Moser, the Republican candidate, this being the largest majority ever received by a county candidate in Allen County. Having accepted the appointment of national bank examiner for Northern Ohio under the second Cleveland administration, he resigned the county auditorship September 1, 1894, six weeks before the expiration of his second term. On April 1, 1895, he resigned the bank examinership to assume the management of The First National Bank of Lima as its cashier, which position he still holds.

Mr. Crites has always been active in Democratic politics of the State, district and county. He served as a member of the Democratic State Central Committee from 1889 to 1904 and as its chairman from 1892 to 1894. He directed as chairman the Ohio campaign of 1892, which resulted in a division of the electoral vote. He was a member of the Ohio Democratic Executive Committee of 1901, when Col. James Kilbourn was the candidate for Governor.

On June 17, 1891, Mr. Crites was married to Grace A. Cass, daughter of Dr. D. W. Cass, of Findlay, Ohio. He has two bright sons: Clarence Daniel, born January 23, 1893; and Virgil Cass, born January 15, 1895, both now enrolled at the Cloyne School, Newport, Rhode Island. Mr. and Mrs. Crites are prominent in the social life of Lima.

Mr. Crites is a truly representative citizen of Lima and Allen County, active in all things looking to the good of the city and community. He was one of a committee of three to plan the

successful reception for the State commission and the presentation before this body of the claims of Lima for the proposed new State Hospital for the Insane. He is regarded as one of the best financiers in Ohio and has made The First National Bank what it is to-day—one of the soundest institutions in Ohio. A portrait of Mr. Crites accompanies this sketch.

**D**AVID C. BIXEL, jeweler and optician, one of the leading business men of Bluffton, was born on a farm one mile north of the town, May 26, 1866, and is a son of Abraham and Magdalena (Schumaker) Bixel.

The father of Mr. Bixel now lives retired at Pandora, Putnam County, having been a farmer all his life. He was born May 18, 1843, and came to Allen County when a child of three years. He married Magdalena Schumaker, who was born March 31, 1842, in Richland township, and is a daughter of Rev. Peter and Elizabeth (Sutter) Schumaker, the former of whom was pastor of a Mennonite Church. They were natives of Germany, where the father of Mrs. Schumaker, Peter Sutter, spent his whole life. The children born to Abraham and Magdalena Bixel were 11 in number, seven sons and four daughters, our subject being the second in order of birth.

Mr. Bixel remained on the farm until he was 13 years old and then spent several years at La Porte, Indiana, where he learned the watchmaking and optical business in Hutchinson's Optical and Watchmaking School. For the past 12 years he has been established at Bluffton, where he not only has one of the largest and most complete jewelry and optical stores, but also deals in pianos and other musical instruments.

On December 3, 1892, Mr. Bixel was married to Delilah Baumgartner, who was born in Wayne County, Ohio, near Mount Eaton, January 1, 1867, and is a daughter of Peter and Barbara (Lehman) Baumgartner. The four children of this union are: Dora, Mildred, Gordon and Fern.

In political sentiment, Mr. Bixel is a Demo-





crat and he has more than once been elected to responsible township offices. In the conduct of his business and in his intercourse with his fellow-citizens socially, he has established a reputation which insures him the respect and esteem of the community.

**D**A. WHIRRETT, city treasurer of Delphos, was born in Marion township, Allen County, Ohio, April 3, 1863, and is a son of William A. and Salome (Herring) Whirrett.

William A. Whirrett was born at Hagerstown, Maryland, January 31, 1825, and moved with his foster parents to Ohio about 1838. His own father had owned a woolen mill at Hagerstown, but had died when William was two years old. He spent years of his youth and early manhood along the Auglaize River and frequently ferried travelers across, this being prior to the building of the canal. The nearest house to the one in which he lived was seven miles distant. For a number of years he was in the employ of H. Ricker, engaged in hauling lumber. William A. Whirrett was married in Allen County, January 20, 1853, to Salome Herring, who was born in this county in May, 1833, and is an adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stookey. Our subject's parents still reside at Delphos.

Mrs. Whirrett can recall many of the interesting incidents of her girlhood. She attended the primitive log school-house and, being of quick intelligence, soon picked up enough knowledge to teach a subscription school, for which she was paid about \$2 a month and boarded around in the homes of the district. Her spare time was taken up in making her homespun garments. She learned all the mysteries of cooking at an open fireplace and with a Dutch oven. She wore home-made shoes as did every one else and read and sewed and studied by the light of a candle. In her childhood deer and wolves were still numerous around her home. The interesting tales of her pioneer life would fill a volume. She remembers that her mother was the first to be buried in Woodlawn Cemetery south of Elida, whose location she selected.

Philip Herring, father of Mrs. William A. Whirrett and grandfather of our subject, came to Allen County about 1827 or 1830. He was a weaver and wove all kinds of intricate-patterned coverlets and bed-spreads. For 40 years he was a magistrate in German township. He purchased grain at 37 cents per bushel and hauled it from the country near Elida to Sandusky, where he was able to sell it at \$1.50 a bushel.

To our subject's parents 12 children were born, the survivors being: Elizabeth, wife of A. F. Bectel, of Elida; T. J., a clerk in the master mechanic's office on the "Clover Leaf" Railroad; J. W., of Spencerville, a member of the firm of Whirrett Brothers; D. A., of this sketch; and Ida May, wife of W. H. Beilharz of Chicago.

D. A. Whirrett was five years old when his parents moved to Delphos, and here he was reared and obtained his education. After leaving school, he assisted his father in the latter's lumber-yard and from that turned to his present business, that of manufacturing and wholesaling wood stirrups, sweat-scrapers, etc., at Delphos. Being unmarried, he still resides with his aged parents.

In April, 1902, Mr. Whirrett was elected city treasurer on the Democratic ticket. He has been more or less prominent in political life for a number of years and frequently has represented his party at important conventions. The offices and factory of Whirrett Brothers, one of the most important industrial concerns of the western section of the county, are situated on the west side of the Miami and Erie Canal, north of the Delphos Mills.

**A**M. DILDINE, a well-known citizen of Lima, who is now associated with the Prudential Insurance Company of America, has been a resident of this city since 1891. He is a man of large business experience and is entitled to the highest measure of respect for his years of service in the Civil War. Mr. Dildine was born in Seneca County, Ohio, June 29, 1843, and is a son of the late John H. Dildine, also





of Ohio, who was well-known in political circles in and about Fostoria.

Our subject was reared in his native county and attended school at Tiffin and Fostoria until he was 18 years of age. With boyish enthusiasm he then joined his comrades in enlisting for service in the Civil War which had aroused both young and old all over the land. On August 12, 1861, he was made a member of Company E, 49th Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf. He remained a soldier of the Union Army for four years and three months, enduring in full degree the hardships, pain and disablement which fell to the lot of many of those who fought for the flag. His regiment reported first to General Anderson, in Kentucky, and from Louisville they went South, where they met the enemy in battle at Rolling Fork. The regiment remained in camp at Green River during the greater part of the winter of 1861; but this comparative quiet was followed by the terrible battles of Shiloh and Stone River and the memorable struggle at Chickamauga.

It was on the second day of battle at Chickamauga that Mr. Dildine received a serious wound in the left foot, which necessitated his being sent to the hospital. He was first placed in the hospital at Stevenson, Alabama, and later was sent to Louisville, Kentucky, where he was under treatment for five months. His courage was not diminished in any way, however, by his long period of suffering and in fact he had not yet given up his crutch when he re-enlisted. Subsequently he went out with his regiment and participated in the Georgia campaign and was unfortunate enough to be wounded a second time, the accident occurring at the battle of Pickett's Mills, Georgia, May 27, 1864. This was a very serious affair—a gun shot wound in the right hip. He was treated for some 15 days in the field hospital and was then transferred to Chattanooga and later to Nashville, Tennessee. For six long and weary months the young soldier lay on a cot in this hospital, submitting to many operations, as many as 48 pieces of bone being removed from his hip; but at last he was able to get about again on crutches, and he was then transferred to Jeffersonville, Indiana.

Here accommodations were intolerable and he succeeded in being transferred to Cleveland, Ohio, where he remained until he was mustered out of the service in June, 1865.

No longer a boy with youth's cheery attitude toward life, but a man, crippled in the defense of his country, he represented a great class which deserved then and still deserves the respect and gratitude of the whole American people. With a few added years and a whole world of experience, Mr. Dildine returned to his home in Fostoria, still on crutches; and for 22 months he was obliged to depend upon their help. He secured a position in the postoffice which he filled for a time and then, as he grew stronger, served in a grist-mill for some nine months.

Realizing the incompleteness of his business education and with an eye to the future, Mr. Dildine took a course in a well-known commercial college at Chicago. For the next nine months he was with the United States Express Company at Vermilion, Ohio, and for some 15 months was connected with a wholesale grocery house at Saginaw, Michigan. Upon his return to Fostoria he was made deputy postmaster a position he filled for six years or more and then reentered business with the wholesale house of Davis & Foster. In 1891 he came to Lima as bookkeeper for the Singer Sewing Machine Company, but shortly afterward accepted a position as yard clerk in the C., H. & D. Railway office. Subsequently he was made chief clerk, and remained with that corporation for 10½ years. Since then he has been associated with the Prudential Insurance Company of America.

During his residence in Seneca County, Mr. Dildine took a very active part in politics, and for about seven years he was a member of the Republican Executive Committee, and was township chairman for five years. He has always been interested in Grand Army affairs, and at present is serving his third term as commander of Mart Armstrong Post, No. 202, G. A. R., at Lima. He has been secretary of the 49th Ohio Regimental Association for the past 25 years.

Mr. Dildine was married September 14,







MR. AND MRS. DANIEL HARPSTER AND FAMILY





1869, to Isabel K. Claire, who is a daughter of James Claire, of Saginaw, Michigan. They have three children, viz: Maud, wife of Edward Beck, of Lima, Ohio; Emily, wife of Hugh Mulholland, of Clio, Michigan; and Archie B., who is a first-class machinist on the United States steamship "Chattanooga."

Mr. Dildine is a member of the Wayne Street Church of Christ. The pleasant family home is at No. 551 North McDonald street.

**E**W. MOSIER, one of the proprietors of the Mosier Steam Laundry, at Lima, has spent the greater portion of his life in this city. He was born at Elida, German township, Allen County, Ohio, in 1859, and is a son of the late John Mosier, a county pioneer.

John Mosier was born in Somerset County, Ohio, and was reared on a tobacco farm there. He learned the trade of a shoemaker and before the Pennsylvania Railroad was constructed followed that occupation in Elida, but removed to Lima in 1870.

E. W. Mosier was 11 years of age when his parents came to Lima, and this city has been the scene of his business enterprises and his satisfactory successes. As a boy he was industrious, working first for Mr. Lloyd in his lumber-yard, and then at the hub and spoke factory, where he was employed for some time. He was also employed in a furniture shop for two years, for about three years in the King & Day handle factory, and for five years in a wheel factory. In this manner he became well trained in various manual capacities, and established such a reputation for efficiency that he was engaged to superintend the mill department in the coach shop of the Lake Erie & Western Railroad, where he remained for 13 years.

In 1895 an opportunity presented to enter into business for himself and, in partnership with Henry Blosser, he purchased the old Niagara laundry plant. A good business was conducted by the firm, and six years later Mr. Mosier purchased his partner's interest. He conducted the establishment alone for two years and then sold it. For a few months he

traveled in California, but shortly after his return to Lima purchased the American laundry plant, establishing the Mosier Steam Laundry. This enterprise he managed alone until 1904, when he admitted W. C. Bell to partnership. Business prospects are so bright that it is the intention of the firm to erect a substantial brick structure, in the near future, on the desirable plot of ground which they have already purchased, on North Central avenue, between High and North streets. The new building will have a 74-foot frontage, with a depth of 100 feet, and, in accordance with modern ideas, will be one story in height. The laundry will be equipped with all modern conveniences and machinery, and when completed will compare favorably with any similar building in the State.

In 1889 Mr. Mosier was married to Mellie Freily, who is a daughter of John Freily, a prominent citizen of Ada, Ohio. They have one child, Ethel, a bright pupil at school.

Mr. Mosier is classed with the useful citizens of Lima, taking an interest in public matters and promoting laudable civic movements. He is a member of the Lima Board of Health. His fraternal connections are important and of long duration. He is a 32nd degree Mason, and connected with the Blue Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery at Lima, and the Consistory at Toledo. For over 25 years he has been affiliated with the Odd Fellows, belongs to all its branches and has been a representative at the Grand Lodge for two years. He is also identified with the Knights of Pythias. With his wife, he is a member of Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church.

**D**ANIEL HARPSTER, one of the substantial farmers and representative citizens of Monroe township, residing on his valuable farm of 130 acres, situated in section 27, is also a survivor of the Civil War in which he took no insignificant part. He was born in Monroe township, Allen County, Ohio, July 7, 1841, and is a son of Jacob and Sarah (Walls) Harpster.

The Harpster family was established in



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Ohio, by the grandfather, Peter Harpster, a veteran of the War of 1812, who settled as a farmer among the pioneers of Pickaway County. His ancestors were German, but he was born in Pennsylvania. His son Jacob, father of our subject, was born in Pickaway County and came to Allen County immediately after his marriage with Sarah Walls. She was a daughter of Robert Walls and died at West Cairo, aged about 70 years. The family consisted of eight children, as follows: Elizabeth (Garner), deceased; Christiana (Mort), deceased; Thomas, who served in the Civil War, rising from the ranks to the position of captain, and resides at Cairo; Daniel, of this sketch; Jane (Eiche), of Delphos; Robert Newton, now of West Cairo, who served with our subject in the Civil War; Susan, widow of Gurst Rathburn, of West Cairo; and Anthony, deceased. The father of this family followed farming and blacksmithing during his active years, and died in Monroe township, aged 70 years. He was always a staunch supporter of the Democratic party.

Daniel Harpster attended the district schools in boyhood and assisted on the homestead until the outbreak of the Civil War. From the first enlistments he was eager to offer his services, although but a boy of 20 years, and on September 1, 1861, was enrolled in Company E, 81st Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf., under Capt. George A. Taylor and Col. Thomas Morton, the regiment being known as Morton's Rifle Regiment. This command came into prominence in many of the great battles of the war, fighting valiantly at Shiloh, Corinth and Farmington, on the "March to the Sea" with General Sherman, and in front of Atlanta. At the engagements last named Mr. Harpster won promotion. Having been placed on detached duty, he brought in three Confederate pickets, for this act of bravery and strategy being made color sergeant. At the expiration of his term of service, he reenlisted in the 192nd Regiment, Ohio Vol. Inf., and remained in the service until the close of the war, receiving his honorable discharge in September, 1865, after taking part in the Grand Review at Washington City.

Mr. Harpster returned to Monroe town-

ship, after his army service was ended, and with his brother Thomas, purchased a farm which they operated for two years, when our subject sold out his interest and bought his present property, which was then an unimproved tract. He has made all the excellent improvements here and has developed a fine farm, carrying on stock-raising operations of quite an extensive character. For three years he was also a contractor, and built many of the excellent roads and bridges in his section. He has been very prominent in public affairs in his township, taking a continuous and intelligent interest in its welfare. In politics, like his father, he has been a strong Democrat, casting his first vote for George B. McClellan. For 20 years he has served on the School Board, and has been township trustee for two terms, and is one of the three county commissioners of the soldiers' relief organization in Allen County.

Mr. Harpster was married (first) in 1865 to Amelia A. Snyder, who was a daughter of Philip Snyder, and they had two children, viz: Frank, of Norwalk, Ohio; and Hattie, deceased. In 1876 Mr. Harpster was married (second) to Alice Miller, who was born in Monroe township and is a daughter of Robert and Sarah (Ward) Miller, natives of Perry County, Ohio. Seven children have been born to them, namely: Lizzie (Herron), now deceased, who left three sons; Clay, of Monroe township; Lovernna (Miller), of Michigan; Sarah (Middlestetter), of Lima; Mary, living at home; Daniel, Jr., and Rue. A view of the family is shown on a nearby page.



UY PATRICK, mayor of Spencer-ville, has the honor of being the youngest citizen ever elected to that honorable office, in the whole State.

He was born in 1882 in Willshire township, in the southwest corner of Van Wert County, Ohio, bordering on the Indiana line, and is a son of L. Y. and Cynthia Jane (McColough) Patrick.

The Patrick ancestry dates back to Ireland, where it was later leavened with both





Scotch and English connections prior to the family being established in Virginia, where Mr. Patrick's grandparents, Washington and Mary Jane Patrick, were born, and whence they moved to Fulton County, Indiana. There L. Y. Patrick was born; but he was mainly reared and educated at Sheldon, Iroquois County, Illinois. He learned the trade of horse-shoeing, which he followed in Fulton County, Indiana, from 1862 until 1867, when he returned to Sheldon, removing thence to Willshire, Van Wert County, Ohio. While residing there, he took a prominent part in public affairs and was a member of the Town Council. In 1896 he came to Spencerville. He is prominent in the leading fraternities, being a Knight Templar Mason, a Knight of Pythias and an Odd Fellow. He was married first on December 23, 1869, to Louisa Jane Avery, who died in December, 1873, survived by two daughters viz: Mrs. Homer C. Underwood, of Fort Wayne, Indiana; and Mrs. J. W. McDonald, of Medina, Ohio. In September, 1874, Mr. Patrick was married to Cynthia Jane McColough of Adams County, Indiana, and they had five children born to them, the two survivors being Hila and Guy Patrick. James W. died in 1875; Rutherford in 1882 and Ollie, two weeks after the latter, a heavy family bereavement.

The early boyhood of Guy Patrick was passed at Willshire, but his education was completed at Spencerville and at the Ohio Normal University at Ada, where he was graduated in the law department in 1901. Since then he has been connected with the office of Attorney R. R. Kennedy, of Spencerville, as a registered law student; but he is also one of the town's popular and successful business men. For several years he was connected with the large mercantile house of Taft & Company, at Spencerville, but since 1904 he has been the proprietor of a large merchant tailoring establishment which has received the custom of the leading citizens. He has secured the best cutters and fitters and the work turned out by his establishment is so satisfactory that already he controls a fastidious trade, which formerly placed its orders outside the town.

Mr. Patrick as a student demonstrated his

natural gifts of oratory and on several notable occasions he has borne off the prizes in contests. He possesses also the genial manner and quick wit for which the sons of Ireland are notable the world over, and to these valuable assets adds the energy, enterprise and manliness which mark the successful young Americans of to-day. After being honored by the Republican party with the nomination for mayor, in the face of a Democratic majority of 80 voters, in the city, he determined to win if personal hard work could accomplish it. The result was his election, the vote being very close. He was the only member of his party elected to a town office, a testimonial to the personal regard in which he is held by his fellow-citizens; in fact, Mr. Patrick is the only Republican ever elected to the office of mayor in this town. That his administration will be one to which he may in future years turn with pride, is the conviction of all who have watched his career from boyhood. He is a Royal Arch Mason.



ARL C. REIS, one of the representative merchants of Lima, whose business is located on the corner of North and Jackson streets, was born at Fremont, Sandusky County, Ohio, in 1880, and is a son of the late M. J. Reis, who for more than a quarter of a century was a conductor on the Lake Erie & Western Railroad, and was well and favorably known in railroad circles.

Until he was 18 years of age, Carl C. Reis remained at Fremont, where he enjoyed excellent educational advantages. Then he came to Lima, entering the grocery line, first as a clerk. After three years, in partnership with C. B. Wells, under the firm style of Reis & Wells, he purchased a grocery and went into business. The partnership continued for one year, when Mr. Reis purchased his partner's interest and has since continued alone. Mr. Reis' conception of business principles has made him a fine merchant. He carries a complete and carefully selected stock of all staple and fancy groceries, including delicacies of all kinds, salt meats and feed. His business territory and



his reputation have both so expanded that his grocery is now conceded to be the most reliable, the most attractive and the largest in the city east of Main street. In addition to this establishment, Mr. Reis is interested in Lusk Brothers' wholesale fruit and produce business, thus assuring him superior advantages in the way of supplying his customers with fine produce and choice fresh fruit. His interests have become so large at Lima, that he has disposed of a branch business formerly conducted at Bluffton.

Mr. Reis was married on February 9, 1903, to Mary Wilson, who is a daughter of Melville J. Wilson, who is prominently identified with the grocery trade at Toledo. Mr. and Mrs. Reis have one son, Wilson Carl. Mr. Reis is a member of the Tribe of Ben Hur and the Home Guards of America. Both Mr. Reis and wife are prominent in Lima's social life, and are identified with St. John's Catholic Church.

**C**HARLES H. FENNER, of the firm of Fenner Brothers, photographic artists of Lima, with a well-appointed studio at No. 202½ North Main street, was born at Gallipolis, Gallia County, Ohio.

Mr. Fenner was educated at Gallipolis, and as his older brother and late partner was engaged in a photographic business there, he also became interested. Several years later he embarked in the dry goods business, and for 11 years he was connected with The John Shillito Company, of Cincinnati, subsequently going out on the road for some four years for a Brooklyn firm. When his brother located at Lima, in 1895, Mr. Fenner became associated with him and they continued in business together until the death of William J. Fenner, in 1903, since which time Charles H. has been alone. The late Mr. Fenner married Nellie Fowler, who still resides at Lima, with the one daughter born to them—Aline Fenner.

The Fenner studio is the best equipped one in the city. Electric light is used in both the

taking and printing of photographs, whenever it is thought desirable. For some eight years before coming to Lima, the late William J. Fenner made a specialty of outside view photography and the gallery is filled with many beautiful and interesting specimens of his artistic work. In its equipments and work turned out, the Fenner studio compares favorably with those of cities much larger than Lima.

**B.** MILLER, proprietor of the Harrod Creamery and the Harrod Stave and Hub Mills, was born August 23, 1864, in York County, Pennsylvania, which was the home of the Millers for several generations. The great-grandfather of our subject came from Germany about the year 1802 and located in York County. There Adam Miller, the grandfather, was born, lived and died. He was a school teacher and also handled insurance. The parents of L. B. Miller are David F. and Angelina (Bortner) Miller, both natives of Pennsylvania, where they now reside.

David F. Miller was born in York County, Pennsylvania, in April, 1831, and has always carried on farming. He owns a farm of 160 acres, upon which he resides; but a stroke of paralysis has left him in feeble health and less active than formerly. He is a Democrat and has held a number of local offices. He was drafted into the army but, owing to the bitter opposition of his parents, he remained at home and sent a substitute to whom he paid \$1,000. He married Angelina Bortner and to them were born nine children, only four of whom are living, namely: L. B., William B., of York County, Pennsylvania; Alice, who married A. B. Albright and lives in her native county; and Howard B., who lives with his parents and has charge of the farm. Both Mr. and Mrs. Miller are consistent members of the German Reformed Church.

L. B. Miller received his education in the schools of York County and later took a business course in a commercial school in Philadelphia. He engaged in teaching for a short time





and after leaving college accepted a position as bookkeeper with John Wanamaker, with whom he remained two years until failing health caused him to retire and seek a change of occupation. Returning to York County, he worked in a produce and general merchandise store, and about this time also became interested in the creamery business. This he learned, becoming thoroughly familiar with every phase of the industry. Embarking in the enterprise for himself, he conducted his creamery in York County for six years and then came to Allen County, and purchased the cooperative creamery at Harrod, which he has operated since the spring of 1898. In addition to this business which he has made a profitable one, he bought a new engine, boiler, etc., and established the Harrod Stave and Hub Mills, which manufactures walnut gun-stocks, squares for ball bats, etc., sending its output to prominent manufacturers of those articles. He has not yet begun the manufacture of hubs but expects to start that industry soon.

On August 23, 1891, Mr. Miller celebrated his 27th birthday by marrying Annie Hoke, daughter of David M. Hoke, of York County, Pennsylvania. Three children have been born to them, viz: David, born February 15, 1892, and who died at the age of two weeks; Leroy, born February 1, 1894; and Diamond May, born May 19, 1905. Mrs. Miller is a member of the Lutheran Church while Mr. Miller belongs to the German Reformed. He supports the Democratic National ticket, but in local politics is independent. Fraternally, Mr. Miller is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and the Junior Order of United American Mechanics.

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**J**OEL G. HERSH, one of Lima's leading professional men, with law offices situated at No. 56½ Public Square, has been a resident of this county for some 16 years. He is a native of Mansfield, Richland County, Ohio, and a son of the late Newton and Lydia (Chew) Hersh, his early life being spent on a farm.

Newton Hersh was born in 1834, in Richland County, Ohio, dying there in 1901, on the old homestead which had been entered by his father, Joel Hersh. The latter, with his wife, Catherine (Berny) Hersh, was born at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, the couple settling in Richland County at an early day. Politically Joel Hersh was a strong Whig, and through life was a friend and coadjutor of John Sherman. He became one of the most prominent farmers in Richland County. He married Lydia Chew, a daughter of Samuel Chew, a substantial farmer of the county, who was killed in 1887 by burglars.

In 1889 Joel G. Hersh came to this county as a teacher, and subsequently entered the Ohio Normal University at Ada, from which he was graduated in the classical course, in 1894. Prior to this, however, he had been a teacher in Kansas for four years. After graduating from the university, he continued to teach in Allen County for nine years, a portion of the time at Gomer and West Cairo. Then he turned his attention to the legal profession, and in 1898 was graduated from the law department of the university at Ada. In the fall of the same year he passed the necessary bar examination and immediately opened an office in the Metropolitan Block at Lima, being associated with Mr. Kilgore under the firm name of Kilgore & Hersh. This partnership existed until 1901, since which time Mr. Hersh has practiced alone. His practice covers all the courts of the State, and his ability is very generally recognized. He is a member of the Allen County Bar Association.

Mr. Hersh was married in November, 1901, to Ora States, who is the eldest daughter of Aaron States, one of the most prominent citizens of the county. Mr. and Mrs. Hersh have two children, viz: Newton States and Mary Catherine. While a resident of Ada, Mr. Hersh united with the Presbyterian Church there. Mrs. Hersh is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Monroe township.

Mr. Hersh is identified with the Republican party, and in 1900, during McKinley's second presidential campaign, was chairman of the





Republican executive committee of Allen County, since which time he has given his entire attention to the practice of his profession.

**G**EORGE R. CHRISTIA, proprietor of the Philadelphia Dye Works, located at No. 320 North Jameson avenue, Lima, and one of the city's representative business men, was born at Toledo, Ohio, in 1851. He is a son of Hon. Robert and Amelia A. (Ricketts) Christia.

The father of Mr. Christia was born in England and at the time of his death was a resident of Canada and a member of the Dominion Parliament. The mother of our subject belonged to the aristocratic old Van Cortland family of New York.

Since 1883 Mr. Christia has been a resident of Lima. He probably enjoys the distinction of having been the youngest soldier ever enlisted for service in the Civil War from Ohio, and possibly of any State in the Union. When in his 12th year he ran away from home and joined the army as a drummer boy; although he fought with the men of the regiment at the battle of Shiloh, after its termination his captain sent him home. In May, 1864, he enlisted in Company B, 130th Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf., but shortly afterward, in front of Petersburg, he was taken sick and was again obliged to return to his home in Toledo, in the fall of 1864. For the third time he entered the Union Army, enlisting in February, 1865, in Company C, 195th Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf., at Toledo, and accompanied the regiment to the Shenandoah Valley and participated in the campaign there, being mustered out in December, 1865, reaching home in time to enjoy Christmas with his family.

Mr. Christia engaged for a time with a hatter and dyer, at Toledo, and then went to Boston, where he perfected himself in this business, returning after five years to Toledo. He continued in the dyeing business there and at Bellefontaine and then came to Lima, where, since 1883, he has been considered an expert

in this line and conducts a large and growing business in cleaning and dyeing after modern, sanitary methods. Mr. Christia is also an expert hatter.

In 1873 Mr. Christia was married at Boston, Massachusetts, to Lelia L. Bliss, who is a daughter of H. C. H. Bliss, one of the leading merchants of Boston, other connections being the Fairbank and Chandler families.

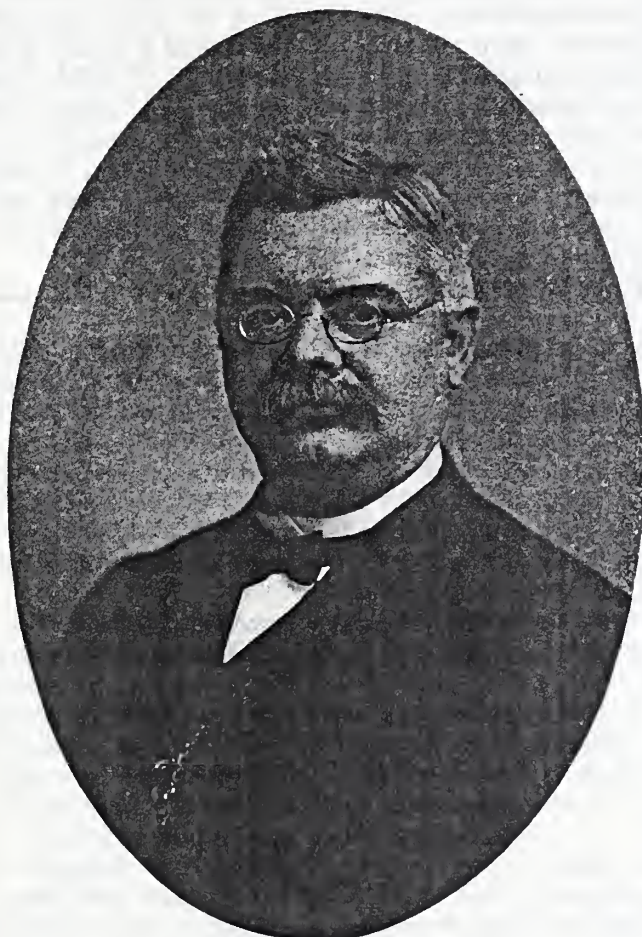
Politically Mr. Christia is a Republican and he has been chairman of the Republican City Committee. He is a man of substance, a stockholder in the Farmers' Bank of West Mansfield, Ohio, and is interested in other enterprises. From his youth he has shown courage and determination and these have been important factors throughout his subsequent life.

**J**ERE ROBINSON, who occupies the responsible position of district foreman of the Ohio Oil Company, at Lima, has been a resident of this city since 1896. He was born at Newton Hamilton, Mifflin County, Pennsylvania, in 1851, and is a son of Robert and Ellen (Stephenson) Robinson.

The father of Mr. Robinson was born in Ireland. For many years he was a resident of New Castle, Pennsylvania, where he was connected with the building of public works. He died there in 1871.

Jere Robinson was educated in the schools of New Castle. He learned the trade of molder, at which he worked for five years and then became engineer of the public works at New Castle for two years. From there he went to the oil field of Clarion County as a pumper and continued there for five years. His next engagement was in the Bradford field, where he had seven more years of experience, and from there he came to Cridersville, in Auglaize County, Ohio, and took charge of the property of Roess Brothers & Company, of Oil City, Pennsylvania. He continued in this position until the Pennsylvania capitalists sold out to the Ohio Oil Company, and since then he has been associated with the latter company.





H. F. VORTKAMP





For the past 18 years, with the exception of but three months, he has occupied the important position of foreman. He is a man of large practical experience in oil and his efficiency is appreciated by the Ohio Oil Company.

In 1877 Mr. Robinson was married to Isabel Alexander, who is a daughter of James Alexander, of Pennsylvania. They have had five children, viz: Ivy May, wife of R. J. Banta, of the firm of F. J. Banta & Son, candy manufacturers of Lima; Mabel E., and Elsie R., students at Hollins Institute, Virginia; and Herbert and Albert, both deceased. The family belong to the Market Street Presbyterian Church. Fraternally Mr. Robinson is a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Knights of the Maccabees.

**F.** VORTKAMP, pharmacist, whose place of business is at No. 300 North Main street, Lima, on the corner opposite the Court House, belongs to the city's representative business men.

He was born in 1858, at Senora, Preble County, Ohio, and is a son of Bernard Vortkamp, long deceased, who was a faithful soldier in the Civil War.

H. F. Vortkamp was reared and educated in Cincinnati and was graduated from the Cincinnati College of Pharmacy in 1880. He had previously creditably passed through the parochial high school at Cincinnati and before entering the Cincinnati College of Pharmacy had read medicine in the Cincinnati College of Medicine and Surgery. After his final graduation in pharmacy, he engaged in the drug business in Cincinnati until 1886 and then removed his interests to Milford, Ohio, where he continued until 1893, when he came to Lima. He has continued here in the drug business ever since and has the confidence of the public; his experience and medical knowledge make his establishment regarded as the leading one in the city as to reliability. He is secretary of the Allen County Association of Retail Druggists and has held every office in the association except that of treasurer. He has held every office in the Ohio State Pharmaceutical Association from the lowest to that of vice-

president, and has on many occasions been a delegate to national and State pharmaceutical conventions. He was chairman of the Ohio delegation at the national pharmaceutical meeting held at Boston in 1905. At present he holds no official relation with that body, having felt compelled to resign on account of many pressing private matters of business.

Mr. Vortkamp is a Democrat and has always been more or less interested in politics. He was a delegate to the State convention that nominated Pattison for Governor, and was the only delegate that remained all through faithful to his convictions. He is a member of the Lima Progressive Association and has served in the Lima City Council. He has other business interest in addition to those in Lima, namely: Stock in the Hollister Drug Company, of Madison, Wisconsin; stock in the Sterling Remedy Company, of Kramer, Indiana; and stock in the United Drug Company, of Boston, Massachusetts.

In 1880 Mr. Vortkamp was married to Carrie F. Fleischman, of Cincinnati, a member of a distinguished family of that city, and they have three sons and two daughters, viz: Harry F., who has just completed a six-year course at Niagara University, New York; George J., who is a graduate of the Ohio Normal University at Ada and has passed his examination before the State Board of Pharmacy; Charles, who is a student in St. Rose Parochial School, Lima; Henrietta, who is a Sister of Charity, now teaching in Denver; and Elizabeth, who is a student in St. Rose Parochial School.

The family belong to St. Rose Catholic Church. Mr. Vortkamp is a member of the Catholic Knights of Ohio and is vice-president of Branch No. 23. His portrait accompanies this sketch.

**R.** EV. W. H. GALLANT, who for the past 35 years has been a minister in the Baptist Church, scarcely needs an introduction to the people of Allen County, for his religious work has covered so large a territory and has been productive of such wide-spread interest that there





are few localities in which he is not well known. His birth took place in Hancock County, Ohio, May 28, 1841, and he is the only son of William and Emily (Moore) Gallant.

Mr. Gallant comes of Irish and English ancestry. His paternal grandmother was a cousin to that great statesman, Henry Clay. The father of our esteemed subject was born in January, 1811, and died from an accident in 1866. The mother was born in March, 1817, and died at Spencerville, at the home of her son, at the age of 83 years and 10 months, passing away just two hours later than England's venerable queen, in 1902. Mr. Gallant's parents were aged respectively 23 and 17 years when they were united in marriage in Delaware County, Ohio. They came from large families, both having brothers and sisters numbering 11, but their children were eight in all, the survivors being: Amelia, widow of Joshua Stokesberry, now aged 69 years, who resides with her children; Martha, widow of Alfred Gorby, a farmer; and W. H., of Spencerville. The parents rest in Hassan Cemetery, eight miles northeast of Ada, Ohio.

W. H. Gallant was the only son of his parents' family and was born in the woods in Hancock County. He was reared on the pioneer farm and, off and on, attended the district schools until he was 17 years old, enjoying also some advantages at Findlay. He then began to teach school and for 14 years followed this profession at various times, teaching in all 28 school terms. His conversion dates from his 19th year, in March, 1859, and he was baptized on the 8th of the following June in the Old School Baptist Church. Before going into the details of his years of ministerial work, mention must be here made of his services as a soldier, these of themselves being of an important enough character to entitle him to the deep regard of his fellow-citizens.

From the opening of the Civil War his sympathies were enlisted, but he did not actually enter the service until 1862, when he became a member of Company D, 99th Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf., from which he was honorably

discharged in March, 1863. The continuance of the rebellion made more troops necessary and in 1864 he again entered the service, enlisting in Company F, 122nd Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf., under General Wright. On March 25, 1865, before Petersburg, he was terribly wounded, receiving three shots, the one in his left leg necessitating the amputation of the limb just below his knee. In spite of the disadvantages to which this accident has subjected him, he has never permitted it to interfere with his pastoral work and he has never on that account shirked any hard duty of his calling. He has ridden miles and miles over a rough country, through cold and storm to keep an appointment, to preach the Gospel, to perform a marriage service or to say comforting words above the grave.

After his return from the army and recuperation from his accident and injury, he took up active work in the church, a burden he has never laid down. He remained in the Old School Baptist Church and then assisted in organizing the Riley Creek Baptist Church and was its first clerk. He began preaching in 1869 and in December, 1870, he was ordained in the Riley Creek Baptist Church, only three days after its dedication. This was his first pastorate. He recalls his work in that church with feelings of the greatest satisfaction, it being on the ground where he used to play ball in his boyhood. He has served four pastorates in this church, aggregating 11 years and, when far away has traveled a distance of 60 miles to attend some special service here, like the burial of an old pioneer, a member of one of his early congregations.

Mr. Gallant has been pastor of 17 churches of the Auglaize Baptist Association, of which he is now moderator, and each pastorate included adjacent missions, as follows: Riley Creek, with four; Marion, four; Mercer, four; Pleasant Grove, four; Waynesfield, three; Spencerville, four; Amanda, two; Willshire, two; and one each at Neptune, McDonald, Haviland, Kenton, Providence, Blanchard Valley, Pleasant Mills (Indiana), where he remained one year; Harrison,



Pleasant View and South Lima. He built churches at Riley Creek, Marion, Spencer-ville, Willshire, Haviland and South Lima, assisted in having repairs made on the church at Waynesfield to the amount of \$604, and cleared a debt of \$872 at Mercer and one of \$700 at Pleasant Grove. He has been uniformly successful in evangelistic work and at one meeting, in 1885, 47 converts were made. He has extended the hand of fellowship to 100 converts in the Amanda, Riley Creek and Waynesfield churches.

In 1879 Mr. Gallant organized the Baptist Church at Spencerville. There were but four constituent members, viz: George H. Kephart and wife, Ella Kephart, Susanna Sutton and Mrs. Fisher. Through the efforts of Mr. Gallant, by 1881, a regular church replaced the mission and by the close of the fourth year the little faithful body numbered 55. Only one of the original constituent members, Mrs. Susanna Sutton, is now living. The present church edifice was erected at a cost of \$3,000, while its furnishings are also valuable and in accordance with present demands.

Mr. Gallant has been twice married. On November 1, 1860, he was married in Hancock County, Ohio, to Lucinda Watt, who died in April, 1903, at St. Marys, Ohio, having been an invalid for a number of years. During the whole period of illness she was tenderly cared for by her husband whose ministrations eased her months of helplessness. She was the mother of three children, viz: Effie, Charles William and Willard L. The daughter was a popular teacher in the public schools prior to her marriage to Adolphus Bice; they have four children—Clyde; Hubert, a graduate of the Spencerville schools, a teacher at the age of 16 years and now a student at Oxford; Nellie and Lucy. Charles William, the eldest son of Mr. Gallant, suffered for 12 years with heart trouble and died at the age of 19 years and 10 months. At the age of 18 he was baptized by his father at the Pleasant View Baptist Church, near the Indiana line. Willard L., the second son, married Alice Balyeat and they have a son, Jewell.

Mr. Gallant married, second, Mrs. Sarah Frances Kershner, who was born in Shelby County, Ohio, and is a daughter of William Ginn. Her father was born in Ireland and came as an early settler to Shelby County, Ohio. He died at Dayton, the father of 14 children. He married three times, his second wife being Miriam Botkin, who bore five children, viz: Mary, John, James, Johnson and Sarah Frances, the last named born in 1849. On March 5, 1866, Sarah Frances Ginn married Francis Marion Kershner. He was born in Greene County, Ohio, near Xenia, in January, 1841, and died in October, 1896. They had three children, as follows: William Erie, Lura M. and Anna. William Erie was superintendent of schools for 16 years, during which he served these places: Mendon, Mercer County; Prairie Depot, Wood County, and Columbus Grove. He resigned from the last named position to accept one with Lippincott & Company, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as a traveling salesman, his line being school supplies. He married Mamie Barrington and they have one daughter, Helen Barrington. The eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kershner is Mrs. Otto Botkin; she has one daughter, Lillian Frances. The youngest daughter is Mrs. Reno Moore; she has two children—Marion Seymour and Naomi Ginn. On October 28, 1903, Mrs. Kershner was united to Rev. W. H. Gallant. She united first with the United Brethren Church in 1874 and with the Baptist Church in 1888.

Mr. Gallant can look back over many fruitful years. While he no longer feels called upon to risk his life and health in the long journeyings which formerly were his daily task, on occasion he will go far to attend some particular church function, especially if in so doing he can recall memories and acquaintances of the early days of his ministerial life, for which he cherishes the tenderest recollections. In 1905 he made such a journey. Out of the 28 candidates to be ordained in his old church was a young man, one of his own converts—George Lewis. Mr. Gallant wished to be present at the ordination of this young man, who had been





chosen as a missionary to China, and it was a great pleasure for him to be chosen to offer the ordination prayer on this occasion in the very church where he, himself, had been ordained in 1870.

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**D**ANIEL E. KIPLINGER. Probably of all the older citizens of Lima, none has better claim to be remembered than has the subject of this sketch, who for many years was closely identified with the material growth of the city. It has been computed that if all the structures that he has erected here should be massed, a village of considerable size would be found. Mr. Kiplinger was born in June, 1830, in Springfield, Ohio, and is a son of Philip Kiplinger.

Away back to the days when white settlers fought in Ohio with the Indians before they could establish safe and peaceful homes, the Kiplinger family was known, and one of the name was a defender of Fort Defiance. The grandfather of our subject, Daniel Kiplinger, came from Virginia at a very early day and settled in Clark County, Ohio, and there Philip Kiplinger, his son, also spent his life.

In March, 1854, Daniel E. Kiplinger came to Lima, and became one of the pioneer contractors. He was skilled far beyond any of his competitors and was so rapid in his work that it came to be a common saying that it was cheaper to hire Daniel Kiplinger by the day than any one else by contract. Almost all of the earlier business blocks in Lima were built by him, and some of these, notably the Collins Block and the Ashton Block, are still standing. Many of the others have been torn down on account of public improvements or to make way for larger structures. There are standing hundreds of neat residences and comfortable homes, built after the fashion of his day, and still stanch and true so far as their construction goes. Mr. Kiplinger continued contracting and building until forced to retire from constant activity, by failing health, in 1898. Since then he has occasionally assisted his son, the

leading carpenter and contractor of the city, C. F. Kiplinger.

Mr. Kiplinger was married, first, in February, 1855, to Mary E. Cookston, who was a daughter of the late Thomas Cookston. The two surviving children of that marriage are: Clifford L., a well-known contractor at Lima, and Clarence, a resident of Columbus. The mother of these sons died in 1861. On October 2, 1862, Mr. Kiplinger was married to Mary E. Owens, who was born in Wales and is a daughter of Hugh Owens. Mr. Owens came to America and to Allen County in 1844 and settled in Sugar Creek township, where he cleared and improved a fine farm. He died in 1851, survived by his wife and five children. The estimable mother of Mrs. Kiplinger kept her children together and followed out her husband's wish in the development of the farm. She died in 1881, leaving but two survivors, Mrs. Kiplinger and a sister, Anna, who is the wife of O. A. Jones. The latter is considered one of the best farmers in Sugar Creek township, having a record of raising 1,600 bushels of corn on 22 acres of land.

Mr. and Mrs. Kiplinger had three children, but have been bereaved of all. The eldest, James Edward, died at the age of 34 years after having won a place second to none among California journalists. Raymond D., the second son, was formerly yard clerk for the Cincinnati & Eastern Railroad, and died aged 22 years. The only daughter, Anna Mary, passed away in her 15th year. Mr. and Mrs. Kiplinger belong to Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church. For four years he was a member of the Lima City Council, and for three years, of the Board of Equalization. Fraternally he is a Royal Arch Mason.

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**M**AURICE HOFELLER, of Lima, proprietor of one of the largest and most complete gentlemen's furnishing establishments in Northwestern Ohio, was born in Buffalo, New York, in September, 1866. His father dying when he was a child of five years, his





mother recrossed the ocean to her native land, Germany, where our subject remained until 1882. Returning to America, he located in Chicago, and secured work in a wholesale house which handled ladies' cloaks and suits. Later he was employed in New York, and then entered a retail clothing store in Jamestown, New York, conducted by the Marble Hall Clothing Company, where he remained for 11 years.

In 1896 Mr. Hofeller came to Lima as manager of the Mammoth Clothing Store, and one year later, acting upon the advice of several local friends, opened a modest store devoted to gentlemen's furnishings. This business has grown from the first, the present stock being twice as large as the original, with much larger quarters to accommodate it. Mr. Hofeller has marked business ability, as is evidenced by the extensive patronage which he has secured and held. He is secretary of the Downward Asphalt Company of the Indian Territory, an organization founded upon Lima capital. Mr. Hofeller was married, in 1900, to Emma Tigner, daughter of William Tigner. He is prominent in Lima Lodge, No. 162, B. P. O. E., as well as in Masonic circles, and is honored and esteemed both for his business and social qualities.

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**B**ERNARD GERMAN, who enjoys the distinction of being the second oldest settler of Marion township, living continuously on his own land, was born in Germany in December, 1826, and is a son of Bernard and Mary (Horn) German.

The boyhood and early youth of Mr. German were spent in his native land where he acquired a good, common-school education and enough knowledge of machinery to enable him to secure a position as stationary engineer, after coming to America, at the age of 17 years. He lived at Cincinnati for 15 years. In 1857 he left that city and moved to Allen County. He purchased 62 acres of wild land,

in section 22, Marion township, and the present fine farm was all cleared by his individual efforts, with the exception of 10 acres. He paid the sum of \$1,000 in gold for this property, its fine location along the Auglaize River making it a very desirable tract. The highway which now passes his comfortable residence was evolved from the blazed path he made, more than 40 years ago.

At the time Mr. German settled on his farm in Marion township, Delphos was, as it now is, the nearest trading center, but almost every other fact has changed. Where now broad highways afford easy transportation to different points and where electric roads afford conveniences for more extended travel, in his day roamed the wild creatures of the wilderness, many of these so unaccustomed to the presence of the white man as to venture very close to his habitation. With game in abundance and the beautiful river teeming with fish, the pioneers of Marion township had advantages over settlers in many other localities. Mr. German's home was the inevitable house of logs, but his, unlike many others; was constructed without the use of a single nail, pegs of wood and wooden hinges sufficing. The comfortable little cabin had a puncheon floor and the huge fireplace was the dispenser of both heat and light. The furniture was very simple although entirely adequate, much of it being of home manufacture. A lard lamp was made use of for special occasions, but in those days the tired residents did not turn night into day as is often the custom of the present, and lard lamps and tallow candles were all sufficient. The winter clothing was made from the wool taken from the sheep which were raised on the farm, Mr. German's estimable wife carding, spinning and weaving it into a strong, warm fabric and making it into excellent, serviceable clothing. Mr. German says that in the early days of life in Marion township, he and his good wife, like their neighbors, enjoyed visiting and making trips to Delphos, riding on the same horse and even carried some of the little ones along without inconvenience.

Mr. German was married on June 27, 1847,



to Mary Fortman, who is a daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Pont) Fortman. Mr. Fortman crossed the Atlantic Ocean from Germany about 1833 in one of the sailing vessels of that day, and was one of the early settlers at Dayton, Ohio. In 1837 he settled in section 21, Marion township, on the west side of the river. Joseph Fortman and wife had seven children, viz: Joseph; Benjamin; Elizabeth, wife of John Clausing; Mary, wife of Mr. German; Dena (Dickerman); and Anthony, who lives on the old Fortman homestead. He and Mrs. German are the only survivors of the Fortman family. Joseph Fortman died aged 60 years and his wife, at the age of 79 years. Mrs. German, like her husband, can recall many of the early experiences of the pioneers of Marion township. When her father first built his log cabin in the woods here, there were still numbers of Indians roving through the country, subsisting upon the wild game which was so plentiful. As the first home of the family was entirely without a roof and consisted in fact of a square barricade, with no door, the only way in which either Indians or wild creatures could get in to disturb the inmates when at rest, was to enter in the same manner as did Mr. Fortman and family, and that was to crawl under. He was a man of great industry, and as he knew that work on public improvements could be had if he could provide for his family and then leave them for a time, he did what seemed best under the circumstances. No great fatality attended them, and as soon as he felt sure they could be safe, he went to work on the Great Reservoir then being built, and next found profitable employment on the canal at Deep Cut, near Spencer. He also did a great deal of the grubbing work for the canal in sections 12, 15 and 14, and when the canal was completed, he, with his son Anthony, were passengers on the first boat that arrived at Delphos. After the canal was established Mr. Fortman returned to his farm and assisted in its clearing. As noted above, his son Anthony occupies the farm, having lived upon it for 68 years. It is in the extreme northern part of Marion township on the edge of Putnam County.

Mrs. German remembers how the family came on foot from Dayton, camped out at night and thus, tired and lonely reached the log cabin shelter in Marion township. The great fire-place gave warmth and all the cooking was done by it, and the admirable mother spun and wove in the light of its fire. Among the wild animals which surrounded the home and frequently disturbed their peace of mind, Mrs. German mentions bears, deer, wolves and porcupines. On one occasion a herd of 14 deers came so near the home that her brother Anthony killed one big buck with a club. In her youth her father used the flail to thresh out his grain, which he disposed of at Fort Jennings, which was their nearest trading point. The corn they raised had to be taken to this place to be ground until Mr. Fortman was able to buy a hand mill of his own. He assisted in the construction of the first frame church at Delphos, the Church of St. John the Evangelist. Her brother, Anthony Fortman, married Annie Hempker, a daughter of Conrad Hempker, and they adopted Elizabeth, who later became the wife of John Clausing.

Mr. and Mrs. German had nine children, the survivors being: Bernard, A. J., John, Louis and Frank. Bernard, named for his father and grandfather, resides in Oklahoma Territory. He married Mary Vergerson and has seven children, one of these, Mary, married George Droll, and has a daughter. A. J. married Kate Neimeyer, a daughter of David and a granddaughter of David Neimeyer, a pioneer of Allen County, and they have three children: Loretta, Leo and Sylvester; they live on the home farm. John also resides at home. Louis resides at Fort Jennings and he and wife have four children. Frank married Frances Knipp and they have six children. Thus our venerable subject and wife have 20 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Politically, Mr. German is a Democrat. He has served as supervisor and as trustee of Marion township, and he has also served as president, secretary and as a director in the German Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company. With his family he belongs to the Catholic Church. He belongs to the church of St.







ROLLA GLEANER GRUBB  
JOHN B. GRUBB                      THOMAS GRUBB  
MYRLAND DWIGHT HILLYARD  
(Four Generations)





John the Evangelist at Delphos and was one of the trustees when the new church was erected. He has been prominent in the township in many ways and commands the respect of all who know him.

**T**HOMAS GRUBB, a member of one of the pioneer families of the county, and a respected citizen and substantial farmer, resides on his excellently improved farm of 125 acres, situated in section 35, Amanda township. Mr. Grubb was born in LaFayette, this county, September 27, 1853, and is a son of John B. and Elizabeth (Robinson) Grubb.

John B. Grubb, father of our subject, was born in 1820 and his wife in September, 1826. They are old and well known residents of Auglaize township and are still living at the ages respectively of 86 and 80 years. When John B. Grubb first came to Allen from Washington County, Ohio, he rode through the forest and blazed a path, his parents following with an ox team and being obliged to cut a road in order to reach the site of their future home. His mother was a native of Ireland. John B. Grubb and wife had six children, our subject being the fourth in order of birth.

Thomas Grubb was reared to be a practical farmer. His parents sent him to both the district and select school, and he remained at home until he married. On February 26, 1881, he purchased his present farm in Amanda township, which, as he describes it, was then a "reg pond;" but it bears no resemblance to that now—with its 2,500 rods of drain tile and its surface showing productive fields and rich pastures. Mr. Grubb has given much attention to the growing of fine stock, and makes a specialty of full blooded Merino sheep. The whole property is neatly fenced and its substantial and systematic appearance testifies to Mr. Grubb's home interest, as well as to his agricultural ability. In 1894 he erected his beautiful residence, and four years later, his sub-

stantial barn, the dimensions of the latter being 40 by 50 feet, with 18 foot posts. His other buildings are entirely adequate for the purposes intended, and the entire place adds to the general attractiveness of Amanda township.

On August 29, 1878, Mr. Grubb was married to Catherine Bowers, who is a daughter of John B. and Amanda E. (Shannon) Bowers. Mrs. Grubb was born at Springfield, Ohio, April 20, 1859. Her parents moved to Auglaize township, when she was two years old. Her father died April 1, 1863, but her mother survived until May 9, 1880. Mr. and Mrs. Grubb have three children, viz: Rolla Gleaner, Laura Bessie and Zida Maud. The son attended college at Lima, where he now has his residence, being a traveling salesman. He married Maude Ellen Myers. Laura Bessie married Marion Hillyard, of Shawnee township, and they have three children—Daisy Pearl, Myrland Dwight and Howard. Zida Maud married Edward Boyer, of Spencerville, and they have one son, Ivan Grubb. The four grandchildren find in their grandparents very indulgent elders, while the latter enjoy the respect and affection lavished upon them so heartily by the younger generation.

Mr. Grubb has been a lifelong Democrat and has frequently represented the party in county and State conventions. In 1882 Mr. Grubb was elected justice of the peace, and served the township as such for six years, rendering during this period many very important decisions which met with general approval. He has been prominent in the Patrons of Husbandry, has held almost every position in its gift and was secretary of the county organization. With his estimable wife, he is an active worker in the Methodist Episcopal Church at Allentown. She was converted at the age of 15 years, and Mr. Grubb, in 1878. He is a steward and president of the township Sunday-school association.

On a foregoing page in proximity to this is shown a group picture in which are shown representatives of four generations in the Grubb family.



**A** A. LLEWELLYN, proprietor of the People's Book Store at Lima, has been a resident of the city for 25 years and with his estimable wife, has been a leader in social and business circles. He was born at Sweet Springs, West Virginia, and is a son of A. A. Llewellyn, Sr., and Elizabeth B. (Bowyer) Llewellyn. The father was a farmer and stock man of West Virginia who during the days of slavery had been educated for an overseer, but, before the emancipation of the negro, he removed to McLean County, Illinois, and there engaged in agriculture, being regarded as the most scientific farmer of his time and section.

Our subject received his education in Bloomington, Illinois, and then for a period of 12 years embarked in the drug, stationery and wall-paper business in Champaign, Illinois. Afterward he traveled for the D. B. Scully Syrup Company, of Chicago, covering for 21 consecutive years the territory of Western Ohio, Southern Michigan, and Eastern and Central Indiana. Resigning that position he purchased his present business in September, 1905, and both he and his wife are giving it their attention, promising to make it the leading book store of the county.

On April 3, 1883, Mr. Llewellyn was married to Martha Bowyer. In 1830 her father, Madison Bowyer, whose biography appears elsewhere in this work, came to this county from Eastern Virginia, where his father, Isaac Bowyer, had entered a large tract of land from the government. Mrs. Llewellyn is a lady of high literary and artistic attainments, having graduated in 1878, from the college at Delaware, Ohio, where she received the degree of Bachelor of Literature. Coming to Lima, she was the first to introduce painting in oil here and had large classes in art work and painting until she gave up teaching some three years ago. She is an active member of the Women's Auxiliary of Lima College and a prominent society leader. Both Mr. and Mrs. Llewellyn are members of the First Congregational Church of Lima, con-

tributing liberally of both time and means to the cause of religion. Mr. Llewellyn is also a prominent member of the T. P. A.

**J** OHN T. ADAMS, one of the best known and most popular citizens of Amanda township, who has resided on his fine farm of 127 acres in section 10 for a half century, was born February 29, 1832, in Champaign County, Ohio, and is a son of Thomas and Mary (Long) Adams.

The parents of Mr. Adams were natives of Virginia and Kentucky, respectively. They moved to Amanda township, Allen County, in the spring of 1833, taking their children into the wilderness with the expectation of founding for them a comfortable home and rearing them well, although home might for a time be without the advantages of more civilized localities. But the father was killed by a falling tree, when our subject was only four years old, an accident not unusual at that time. The mother was left with five little children to rear, which she did nobly and well, lending two of them to their country in its days of peril.

Mr. Adams settled in section 10, Amanda township, and built his log cabin on the banks of the Auglaize River, to which the Shawnee Indians often came; but, as far as we have been informed, with no evil intentions. Mr. Adams did not live to see the results of his several years of industry and probably never even imagined the transformation which has taken place. A part of his land he secured from the State and the remainder from a Mr. Russell, who resided near Piqua, to which point the family was obliged to go to mill. The mother survived to the age of 72 years and to her courage, industry, economy and good management, much of the family prosperity was due. She was deft in all housewifely arts of her day, could spin and weave, sew, bake and brew and, on occasion no doubt, assisted her sons in their tasks. Her children hold her in loving remembrance. They were as follows: William, now deceased, who enlisted for three





years in the Civil War, entering Company A, 81st Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf.; John T., of this sketch, who served 100 days in Company B, 151st Reg., Vol. Inf.; James, of Champaign County, Ohio; and two deceased.

John T. Adams very early became accustomed to assist on the farm, and later, with his brothers, William and James, cleared and improved it. He was reared and educated mainly in Champaign County, to which the family removed about 1839, and was 22 years old when he came back to this county and entered into the serious business of developing a farm out of the forest. To-day it is one of the most valuable and beautiful farms on the river. Mr. Adams has added to its natural advantages by erecting a very handsome modern residence which overlooks the Spencerville and Lima turnpike road. He can relate many interesting incidents of the early days here, when the Indians traversed the forest surrounding the home, in pursuit of the wild game which abounded.

In 1867 Mr. Adams was united in marriage with Violet Russell, who is a daughter of Joseph and Celia Russell. She was born on a farm in Champaign County adjoining the one which was his birthplace. They have one son, Charles F. The latter was born in Amanda township and was well educated in the public schools. He manages his father's farm, the latter having practically retired. He married Eva Travis and they have four children, viz: Ruth, John, named for his grandfather; James, named for his grand uncle; and Celia, who bears the name of her great-grandmother.

In 1900 Mr. Adams was elected a trustee of Amanda township and at the expiration of his term was reelected, but resigned in 1905. He is recognized as one of the useful, reliable and public-spirited men of the locality.

**D** W. MILLER, a member of the general contracting firm of Ruhlen & Miller, at Lima, has been a resident of this city since 1891. He was born in Allen County in 1869, and is a son of Marcus Miller, one of the oldest settlers in Allen County, who died in 1876.

D. W. Miller was reared and educated in this county and still owns a good farm in Bath township, although the greater part of his life has been given to the carpenter's trade and contracting. He learned his trade in youth and followed it throughout the county until within the past five years, since when he has been associated with Mr. Ruhlen in general contracting and in operating a large planing mill. This firm is one which enjoys the entire confidence of the public and has erected a large proportion of the fine buildings in Lima. Some of the buildings in their list, and which prove the substantial character of their work, are the new residence of Edward M. Gooding on West Market street; Herman Eckhardt's residence on Cole street; John D. Finn's residence on McKinley street; and the Renz and Duffield blocks, both on Main street. They have also done a large amount of work in the county, have erected three schoolhouses in Bath township and are now engaged in making additions to the County Infirmary.

Mr. Miller votes as does a good citizen, but he takes no active interest in politics. Fraternally, he is prominent as an Odd Fellow, being past grand of Allen Lodge, No. 223, past chief patriarch of the Encampment and a member of Canton Orion, No. 24, Patriarchs Militant.

**L** EONIDAS HOLLOWAY, a pioneer of 1851, who for many years has been a well-known resident of Spencer township, has been retired from active life for some years; but in spite of his 84 years he retains physical health and possesses a memory which goes back to the beginning of a very remarkable career. Mr. Holloway was born in Knox County, Ohio, July 18, 1822, and is a son of David and Phoebe (Clark) Holloway.

David Holloway, the father, was born in Scotland, May 21, 1786, and emigrated to America and settling in New Jersey. In New York, on July 11, 1807, he was married to Phoebe Clark, who was born July 19, 1785. To this union were born five daughters and





four sons. All of the nine children reached maturity, married and had families of their own. Leonidas, of this sketch, was the eighth in order of birth, and although his life was probably endangered more than that of any of his brothers or sisters, he has survived them all. David Holloway was a very early settler in Knox County, Ohio, traveling by team from the East to Massillon and then settling in the woods that extended for miles over the present cultivated fields of Knox County. His life was that of the early pioneer, and he met and overcame the hardships of that early day with the courage and capacity which the very name of pioneer implies. He died in Knox County on September 10, 1862, aged 76 years. His wife had passed away many years before, dying September 19, 1838.

Leonidas Holloway was reared in Knox County, not far from Mount Vernon, Ohio. His schooling was limited, the time, locality and circumstances preventing the seizing of many educational opportunities. Like many other young men of his day, he drifted far from home, led by an adventurous spirit and a hardness of physical health which sought an outlet different from the confinements of rural life. Thus he went to Texas and for 18 months served with the Texas Rangers prior to enlisting at New Orleans for service in the Mexican War. During his first year of service he was a member of the First Battalion, Texas Cavalry, and it was during his third year that he participated in the storming of the city of Monterey and the taking of Buena Vista. In the earlier part of his service he was under the command of Gen. Sam Houston, but later he served under Gen. Zachary Taylor. He continued in the service until the close of the war, escaping with but a flesh wound.

In 1851 Mr. Holloway came to Allen County, and settled in the woods, in true pioneer style. In order to reach the Spencerville road he was obliged to cut the forest trees, making a path 40 feet wide which reached from the canal, and which is now known as the Spencerville and Dayton turnpike road. In those early years in Spencer township, he was kept busy clearing off the timber. In those

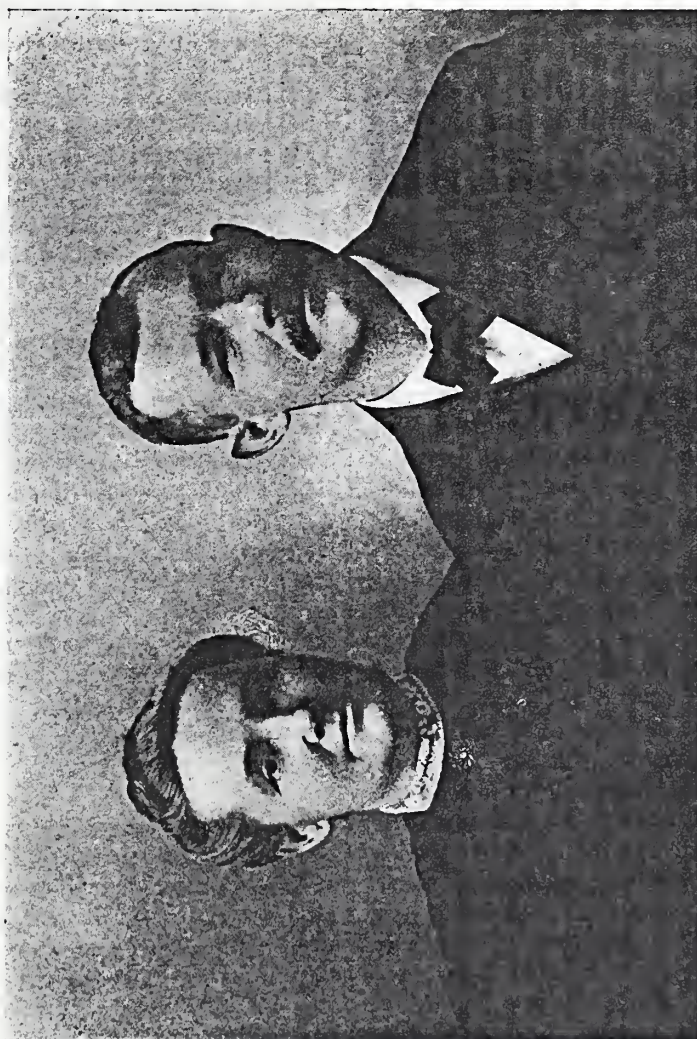
days he split rails to the number of unknown thousands. His first home was a cabin of round logs which sufficed until a better one, of hewed logs, could be erected to take its place; in this second cabin his son, John W., was born, in 1861.

When this son was five weeks old, Mr. Holloway once more offered his loyal services to his country in her hour of need. He enlisted at Spencerville, in Company I, Fourth Reg., Ohio Vol. Cav., under Colonel Kenneth and Capt. Henry Rogers, which regiment was attached to the Second Army Corps and ordered to Cincinnati. From that distributing point his regiment was sent with others to the various points of danger, and he served faithfully until he was discharged at Baltimore, Maryland, in 1865, without having received any serious injuries. His military service covered many years and he was personally concerned in some of the most important events in the history of our country. He now draws a pension of \$18 per month. After the close of the war, he again returned to peaceful pursuits and has lived quietly as an agriculturist ever since. His well-improved farm of 40 acres is situated in Spencer township, and in addition to this property he owns considerable realty in Spencerville.

On July 2, 1848, Mr. Holloway was married at Mount Vernon, Knox County, Ohio, to Tillethia Ann Doty, who was born in Knox County, May 1, 1830, and is a daughter of Samuel B. and Margaret (Crider) Doty, who reared a family of five sons and five daughters. Mrs. Holloway and two sisters still survive, these being: Mrs. Sarah Burk, of Delphos, Ohio, and Mrs. Catherine Elizabeth Bott, of Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Holloway have had six children, as follows: Phœbe Ellen, born September 9, 1849, who died in August, 1862; Margaret Ann, born August 11, 1851, who was married March 21, 1873, to Amos Lee, and died May 25, 1874, leaving one son, William Lawrence, of Spencer township; Rachel Maria, born February 25, 1854, who died in August, 1863; Sarah C., born February 20, 1856, who was married May 3, 1878, to Wil-





MR. AND MRS. F. W. OEN





liam Geething, and died January 26, 1879; Samuel B., born February 26, 1859, who was married on July 3, 1881, to Hannah Chambers, and died October 31, 1891, leaving two daughters—Florence and Ada, both of whom are married and live in Kansas; and John W., born in 1861, who is now a prominent farmer located in section 24, Spencer township.

For many years after Mr. and Mrs. Holloway settled in Spencer township, pioneer conditions prevailed. The clearing of the land and its subsequent cultivation was not the only hardship. It was a long distance to mill, the old Post mill on the Auglaize River being the nearest one available, and the country was still so densely wooded and little settled that danger from the wild animals of the woods was by no means past. On one occasion Mrs. Holloway, while out from home on some necessary business, accompanied by her dog, treed a bear. Although she had had many experiences, it is doubtful if she had previously had a similar one. Fortunately she was able to call to her assistance a neighbor, Jacob Bennett, who was an old hunter, and he killed the animal before it could do any damage. Mrs. Holloway is one of the old pioneer members of the Christian Church in Spencer township. She was reared a Baptist, but united with the Christian Church at Mount Vernon and she is respectfully and affectionately known as the "Mother of the West Union Christian Church."

Mr. Holloway has also been a member of the West Union Christian Church from its very organization, and he has been liberal in its support. With Daniel Richardson he purchased an acre of ground and laid out the cemetery and assisted in the erection of the church edifice. In like manner Mr. Holloway has continually given support to the advancement of the schools in the township, has helped in the building of the good roads and has lent his influence in the direction of everything which has promised to be of substantial benefit to his part of his county. In the public affairs of Spencer township, Mr. Holloway has always been a prominent factor and he has served at

various times in all but two of the township offices. He is a valued member of the Spencerville post of the Grand Army of the Republic. Few if any residents of Spencer township are better or more favorably known than Mr. and Mrs. Holloway.



W. OEN, a representative business man of Lima, a dealer in staple and fancy groceries and meats, at No. 1114 West North street, was born in Shawnee township, Allen County, Ohio, August 7, 1866, and is a son of Henry Oen, an early settler and leading farmer of Shawnee township, who died December 3, 1903.

F. W. Oen was reared and educated in Shawnee township, where he followed farming and dairying for four years and then bought a farm in Auglaize County, which he later leased for oil purposes. For a short period he was engaged in the oil business, having leased his brother-in-law's farm. He put down one well, which was an excellent producer, and he soon sold the property for \$11,000. He was also fortunate in his business arrangements concerning his farm of 80 acres, selling his royalty for \$18,000, and later disposing of the land. He then bought some choice property in Lima, erecting several fine residences, on the corner of Jameson and North streets, and the business block which he occupies. His present realty holdings include four fine residence properties and three vacant lots. He also owns farming lands, having purchased an unimproved tract of 118 acres in German township. On this he has erected excellent buildings, put up fencing and set out orchards, until the land, within a few years, has advanced to \$100 an acre.

In 1892 Mr. Oen was married to Ellen Jordan, who is a daughter of the late Daniel Jordan, formerly a prosperous farmer of Shawnee township. Mr. and Mrs. Oen have five children, viz: H. Edward, Frances Pauline, Catharine Ellen, Francis Frederick and





James Alfred. Mr. and Mrs. Oen are members of St. Rose Catholic Church. Their portraits, executed from a recent photograph, accompany this sketch.

**L**OUIS KOCH, vice-president of the Citizens' Loan & Building Company, of Lima, and one of the city's retired citizens, was born in 1851 in Germany, and came to America in 1864 with his sister Emma, who was two years his senior. She later became the wife of William Seitz, of Perry township.

These two children arrived safely at Lima, and Louis soon entered into an apprenticeship to the cabinet-maker's trade, in which he served three years, at first with A. Saider and later with Philip Keil. He subsequently worked in the furniture factory on West Spring street for 15 years, making altogether about 28 years at his trade. Mr. Koch then engaged in the grocery business for 10 years at No. 337 North Main street. For the past four years his time has been taken up largely in looking after his various real estate investments. He owns considerable vacant property in Lima and five houses in good residential districts. For many years he has been prominent in the various departments of the city which have served to bring about its present prosperity.

When the first volunteer fire company was formed here, in the days of the old hand engines, Mr. Koch became a member. Later the city sold the outfit, and a hook and ladder company was formed and the volunteers gave their services for a number of years and also paid for the outfit. Until this company was disbanded, Mr. Koch frequently served as its president and was always noted for the discipline he maintained in order to make the department as efficient as possible. Mr. Koch served two terms in the City Council, representing the old Seventh Ward, and under Mayor Robb he served for a term of four years as a member of the Board of Sinking Fund Trustees and Tax Commissioners. He

has long been recognized as one of the city's reliable, efficient and conservative men of capital, and for the past six years he has been a member of the board of directors of the Citizens' Loan & Building Company, and for one year has been vice-president. Mr. Koch served during 1900 on the Board of Equalization.

In 1871 Mr. Koch was married to Louisa Secrest, who died in 1876, leaving two children, viz: W. I., who is employed in the grocery of Harry Thomas, at Lima; and Mollie, who is the wife of Frank Grau, of St. Marys, Ohio. In 1879 Mr. Koch was married to Maggie Naas, who is a daughter of Christian Naas. They are valued members of the German Reformed Church.

Mr. Koch is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, having membership in both the subordinate lodge and the encampment, and also in the Rebekahs; German order of Red Men and to the Orion Maennerchor.

**S**. SHERRICK, of the firm of Smith & Sherrick, general contractors of Lima, was born in Allen County in 1849. His father was Christian Sherrick, a native of Pennsylvania, who came to this county about 1840, and was a well-known contractor and builder. Many of the buildings now standing bear strong evidence to his skill and the durability of his work.

S. S. Sherrick learned the carpenter's trade, beginning his apprenticeship at the age of 16. He became a skilled and competent workman. About 1877 he and a brother, in partnership, began contracting and building and did a very successful business for eight years. Our subject then withdrew from this partnership and engaged in contracting in Delphos until 1897 when he moved to Lima and formed a partnership with F. C. Smith to do general contracting and building, and also for the manufacture of sash, doors and all kinds of mill-work. They have built up a good business in both branches of work and during the



busy season give employment to about 25 men. Mr. Sherrick is also a stockholder in The East Iron & Machine Company.

He was married in 1875 to Paulina John, daughter of Jesse J. John, deceased. They have three children, namely: Lulu, wife of C. W. Counseller, a locomotive engineer of Lima; and Effa and Vera, both of whom are teachers in the Lima public Schools. The family are members of the Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, in which Mr. Sherrick is an officer. He is a Republican who takes an intelligent interest in local politics and is chairman of the county and city central committee. He is a prominent Odd Fellow.



F. ROBINSON, chief engineer of the gauging department of The Buckeye Pipe Line Company, has been located at Lima for the past 14 years, and has been identified with the oil industry since boyhood. He was born in 1860 in Brooklyn, New York, and is a son of James Robinson, now deceased. James Robinson was also interested in oil production, having started in at old Oil Creek when the oil industry was in its infancy. When the various pipe lines were consolidated, in April, 1877, he was made chief engineer of the tank gauging department, a position he held until his death in 1898.

The Robinson family left Brooklyn in 1862 and located in the oil field of Pennsylvania, their first residence being at Petroleum Center. From there, in 1873, they moved to St. Petersburg, Clarion County, and six years later our subject was made his father's assistant in the business and stationed at Bradford, Pennsylvania. He remained there 12 years, when he was sent to take charge of the office at Lima, and upon the death of his father in 1898 he was promoted to the office of chief engineer. His territory embraces all the oil fields of Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, Indiana, Kansas and Indian Territory, with offices at Bradford, Pennsylvania, Lima and Independence, Kansas.

Mr. Robinson was married in 1884 to Mary E. Conneely, a native of Pennsylvania. They have two daughters—Genevieve and Frances, the former being a graduate and the latter a student of the Lima High School.



J. L. SIMPSON,\* secretary and treasurer of The East Iron & Machine Company, of Lima, was born in Logan County, Ohio, in 1860, and is a son of Wilson W. Simpson, of that county, who was a member of the 66th Ohio Regiment and died in the Civil War, in 1862, from disease contracted in the service.

J. L. Simpson was reared and educated in Logan County, and, with maturity, obtained a position with the "Big Four" Railroad. He was employed in various capacities for a period of 12 years, when he became bookkeeper and estimator for the Champion Iron Company, of Canton, Ohio. He served in this capacity for about eight years and was then elected secretary, holding that office four years and six months. When he severed his connection with that company, he organized the Columbus Elevator & Iron Company, which was incorporated in 1902 with a capital stock of \$10,000. They began operations, in May of that year, with the following officers: H. W. V. Moler, president; F. S. Bartlett, vice-president; and J. L. Simpson, secretary, treasurer and general manager. The company was merged into The East Iron & Machine Company and incorporated, in March, 1903, with a capital stock of \$100,000, the officers being: W. S. East, president; A. L. Neuman, vice-president; and J. L. Simpson, secretary and treasurer. In March, 1903, Mr. Simpson moved to Lima to assume the duties of his office, and has made many friends during his short residence here. He is a business man of experience and ability, and devotes his entire time to the work of his office, which is conducted in the most systematic and effective manner.

In 1885 Mr. Simpson was married to Eva Spencer, by whom he has two bright children—Hugh L. and Boyd M., both students of the Lima High School. Mrs. Simpson's father





was the late W. Spencer, one of the foremost agriculturists of Logan County, who died in May, 1905. Mr. Simpson is an Odd Fellow and is also a prominent Mason, being a member of the Knights Templar. He is affiliated with the Disciples' Church of Lima.

**G**EORGE DYER,\* superintendent of the Sandusky Division of the Lake Erie & Western Railroad and of the Northern Ohio Railway, is an experienced and popular railroad man, who has been a resident of Lima since October, 1902. He was born at Bainbridge, Putnam County, Indiana, in 1867, and is a son of George W. Dyer.

George W. Dyer, father of our subject, is also a railroad man. He is a native of Bainbridge, but for 54 years he has been railroad agent at Monroe, for the C., I. & L. Railway.

The subject of this sketch was reared at Bainbridge and attended school until he was 11 years of age, when he commenced to learn telegraphy, soon acquiring sufficient knowledge of the business to secure a position with the Western Union Telegraph Company. He was only 14 years old when he was a press operator, and continued with the Western Union until he was 20 years of age. He then became train dispatcher for the Wisconsin Central Railway and in this capacity resided for two years at St. Paul, Minnesota, going thence to Monroe, Indiana, and for one year holding a similar position with the C., I. & L. Railway. During the succeeding two years he filled the duties of chief train dispatcher, and was also superintendent of the telegraph department at that point. For 16 months Mr. Dyer was stationed as chief train dispatcher at LaFayette, Indiana, being then transferred to Tipton, Indiana, where he was appointed general yardmaster.

Mr. Dyer continued in the latter position until the outbreak of the Spanish-American War, when he entered the army as captain of Company I, 16th Indiana Infantry, U. S. Volunteers. The services of this company were

not required outside of the United States, although it was drilled in several camps. The company was honorably mustered out in May, 1899. Upon his return to Monroe, Mr. Dyer resumed railroad work and was made superintendent of the Fort Wayne Division of the Lake Erie & Western Railroad, with headquarters at Muncie, Indiana, where he remained until his promotion to his present position as superintendent at Lima of the Sandusky Division of the Lake Erie & Western Railroad and of the Northern Ohio Railway. In addition, Mr. Dyer is treasurer of the Bluffton Stone Company, of Bluffton.

In 1893 Mr. Dyer was married to Anna Culler, who is a daughter of George W. Culler, a well-known resident of Delphi, Indiana. They have three sons—Laurel, Wayne and an infant.

While not taking part in politics beyond fulfilling the duties of a good citizen, Mr. Dyer keeps thoroughly informed on all matters of public importance and of local concern, and lends his influence to good civic government. He votes with the Republican party. He is a 32nd degree Mason and is connected also with the Knights of Pythias and the Improved Order of Red Men.

**E**A. DEAN,\* secretary and treasurer of The Sinclair & Morrison Company, of Lima, has been a resident of this city for the past 21 years. He was born at Stockport, England, December 1, 1853, and is a son of Thomas and Rebecca (Unsworth) Dean.

The parents of Mr. Dean were also natives of Stockport, and they came to America when our subject was four years of age, locating at Allegheny City, Pennsylvania.

E. A. Dean was educated in the public schools at Allegheny City and Eastman's Business College, Poughkeepsie, New York, being graduated from the latter institution in 1875. He then accepted a position as bookkeeper at Port Jervis, New York, where he remained some eight years and then embarked in the








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mercantile business at Washington, D. C. After spending two years in the national capital, he came to Lima in 1884, and for six years was engaged in the dry goods business on the South Side. He then accepted the position of secretary and treasurer of The Sinclair & Morrison Company. He is also connected with a number of the other successful business organizations of this section, in all of which he takes an active interest.

In December, 1876, Mr. Dean was married to Mary Pomeroy, who is a daughter of George Pomeroy, of Butler, Pennsylvania. They have a family of three sons and two daughters, viz: Howard P., a teller employed by The Lima Trust Company; Walter O., a student in the electric engineering department of the State University at Columbus; Chester E., a student at Lima College; Doris W. and Edna G.

Mr. Dean is an independent voter, but has been very active in the cause of Prohibition, and has been the candidate of the party for mayor of Lima. He is a prominent man of affairs here, and is a member of the Board of Sinking Fund Trustees and Tax Commissioners.

HOMPSON R. TERWILLEGER, M. D., one of the leading physicians and surgeons of Lima, and one of the city's much esteemed citizens, whose portrait is shown on the opposite page, was born at New Richmond, Ohio, June 29, 1860, and is one of a family of two children born to his parents, John and Elizabeth B. (McDonald) Terwilleger.

Thompson R. Terwilleger was reared on his father's farm in Clermont County where he attended the local schools, subsequently entering the Ohio Western University where he was graduated in 1884 with the degree of B. S. He then took up the study of medicine and in 1887 was graduated at the Medical College of Ohio, Cincinnati. In the same year he settled at Lima where he has continued to prac-

tice ever since and is an important member of an unusually able staff of physicians and surgeons. He is a member of the Ohio State and Allen County medical societies and of the Northwestern Ohio and American medical associations, being actively interested in their work and a valued contributor to their literature. For 13 years Dr. Terwilleger was physician of the Allen County Infirmary. He is a member of the staff of the Lima Hospital, being honored with a life membership. He is medical examiner of a large number of life insurance companies, among which are the following: Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, of New York; Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company, of Hartford; Union Central Life Insurance Company, of Cincinnati; Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company, of California; Security Trust & Life Insurance Company, of Philadelphia; Federal Life Insurance Company, of Chicago; and Bankers' Life Association, of Des Moines, Iowa; also The Cleveland and Dayton Masonic Life Insurance companies.

Dr. Terwilleger was united in marriage with Lizzie F. Davis, who is a daughter of William Davis, of Columbus, Ohio. Dr. and Mrs. Terwilleger are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. They have a very pleasant home at No. 684 West Market street, while the Doctor has well-appointed offices at Nos. 202-203 Masonic Building.

Politically Dr. Terwilleger is a Democrat. He served on the Board of Education and was instrumental in lending his efforts toward the erection of the new High School Building. He is a man of education and experience and his professional skill has been frequently put to the test. He keeps thoroughly abreast of the times in his methods of practice and his patients come from all parts of the city. For a number of years he has been prominent in Masonic circles and has attained the 32nd degree. He belongs to the Mystic Shrine at Dayton and to the Scottish Rite bodies at Toledo. He is a man of practical ideas and has had remarkable success in his chosen profession.





**J**OHAN R. JONES,\* who is living in retirement near Gomer, this county, after many years of business activity, was born August 21, 1835, in Llanbrynmair, Wales. He is a son of Richard and Anna (Roberts) Jones, both natives of Llanbrynmair, where the father became a prosperous farmer and lived until his death, at the age of 67 years. Mrs. Jones died when our subject was five years old, being then in the 43rd year of her age.

At the age of 21 years, John R. Jones set sail for America, landing in New York City, July 7, 1856, after a voyage of five weeks and three days. Remaining in that city but a few days, he made his way to Cincinnati, Ohio, and thence to Allen County, where he remained a short time. He then resided three years in Tennessee, superintending a tract of land, which he and a party of his friends had previously bought. They had purchased some 100,000 acres in that State, of which about one-third, rich in oil and mineral deposits, remains in the possession of Mr. Jones and a brother at the present time. At the end of three years our subject returned to Gomer and purchased a general store of W. W. Williams, which he conducted successfully for 20 years, when he sold to Dr. C. A. Evans, of Delphos. Since that time Mr. Jones has resided on a farm, making his home with a cousin, William G. Jones, a prominent farmer whose homestead is located near Gomer.

Mr. Jones has never married. He is well known throughout this section, and has long been a member of the Welsh Congregational Church at Gomer. In politics, he has been an ardent Democrat and has held some minor offices, although he has never sought political preferment.

**W**ALLACE LANDIS,\* secretary of the Lima Board of Fire Underwriters' Association, was born in Randolph County, Indiana, in 1862. His father, James Landis, died during the infancy of our subject, and the family lived for a short time in Dayton,

Franklin and Napoleon, Ohio, before finally locating at Delphos in 1880. It was in the latter place that Mr. Landis received the major part of his education.

In young manhood, he became a fireman on the Dayton & Southeastern Railway, serving in that capacity for one year before he returned to Delphos and engaged in the hotel business. This was continued until September, 1885, when he came to Lima to accept a position with the Burnet Hotel, where he remained until 1896. He then severed his connection with the hotel and engaged in the fire insurance business, in which he has been eminently successful. In 1902 he was appointed to his present office as secretary of the Lima Board of Fire Underwriters' Association.

In 1897 Mr. Landis was married to Eva Martin, daughter of John Martin, of Lima. Mr. Landis is identified with the Masonic order, being a member of the Blue Lodge, Chapter and Commandery, of each of which he is secretary. He is also a member of the Knights of Pythias.

**S**E. McCAULEY,\* one of the successful merchants of Lima, where he has conducted a grocery store for the past four years, was born in Salem, Ohio, in 1856. He is a son of the late Joseph McCauley, who was an influential resident of Lima, engaged in the milling business. About 40 years ago the family settled in Lima, in whose schools our subject obtained his education.

Mr. McCauley secured his first employment with The Moore Brother Company, wholesale and retail grocers, and remained with them for about four years, when he accepted a position as bookkeeper with H. & J. Langan. Two years later he began firing on the "Big Four" Railroad, and it was not until six years later that he abandoned that work and returned to Lima to resume commercial life. Entering the store of Cooper & Thomas, he remained with them until they sold the business to Mr. Watson, when he entered the em-





ploy of that gentleman and continued with him for about 15 years. In May, 1901, he established his first business enterprise at his present location, No. 520 Jackson street, and has conducted the enterprise there since, carrying a complete and attractive stock of fancy and staple groceries and numbering among his patrons many of the first families of Lima.

In 1886 Mr. McCauley was married to Mary Weisner, a daughter of the late Christopher Weisner. They have three children—Rhea, Clara and Georgiana. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. McCauley has served in the City Council of Lima for two years, and is a prominent Knight of Pythias.



W. DRAKE,\* a prominent merchant of Lima, engaged in the feed and fuel lines, was born at Boston, Massachusetts, from which city his parents migrated to Illinois when he was about three years old.

After securing an excellent education, Mr. Drake returned to Massachusetts, entered the employ of the Boston & Providence Railroad, remained with that corporation for two years and then purchased a fruit farm in the vicinity of St. Joseph, Michigan. He continued in the fruit-raising business for some three years, and then became interested in Kansas livestock. He remained at Emporia, Kansas, for some 14 years, becoming a leading citizen and member of the City Council. During this period he was largely interested in buying, raising and selling fine horses. Those informed on such matters will remember when "British Splendor" was regarded as the finest coach horse in America; this noble animal was the property of Mr. Drake.

From Kansas Mr. Drake removed to Chicago and for three years was located at the Stock Yards engaged in buying and selling horses. In 1895 he settled at Lima, being connected with the Standard Oil interests, but in 1902 he discontinued this association and established a coal, coke and general feed busi-

ness. In this he still continues, being one of the leading dealers of these commodities in Lima.

In 1876 Mr. Drake was married to Ella Merwin, of St. Joseph, Michigan. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In political sentiment he is a stanch Republican.



E. LOSEE,\* one of Lima's well-known, substantial and representative citizen, who is identified with a number of local enterprises, has been a capable locomotive engineer for the past 29 years, since 1881 having had the passenger run between Lima and Tipton, Indiana. Mr. Losee was born at Saratoga Springs, New York, April 18, 1851, and is a son of Thomas V. Losee.

Thomas V. Losee has also been a railroad man nearly all his life, but now lives in retirement at Lima, aged 80 years. He was a master mechanic in the Pennsylvania Railroad shops at Indianapolis for a number of years, for three years was a master mechanic with the Indianapolis, Bloomington & Western Railroad, and for nine years general foreman of the shops of the Lake Erie & Western Railroad at Lima. He married Helen L. Lyons and they had four children, the two survivors being: C. E., of this sketch, and Mary, wife of Charles Wolf, of Lima.

When C. E. Losee was two years of age, his parents located at Dayton, Ohio, moving two years later to Indianapolis, where he lived until he was 20 years old. From the age of 15 years he has been engaged in railroad work, beginning as a fireman on an engine of the present Pennsylvania system and working in this capacity for three years. He was then employed in the office of the road for two years, when he became an engineer on what is now the "Big Four" Railroad, running an engine from March, 1872, until March, 1880. Later he became connected with the Lake Erie & Western road, and then located at Lima, which has since been his place of residence.



In October, 1883, Mr. Losee was married to Bertha Romer, a daughter of the late Joseph Romer, who was born in Germany and came to Lima, in 1866, where he worked at his trade of shoemaker. Four of his nine children still survive, namely: Anna, wife of Henry Frueh, of the Lima Brewery; Emma, wife of J. L. O'Connor, of Lima; W. J., a merchant tailor, of St. Louis, Missouri; and Mrs. Losee. Mr. and Mrs. Losee have two children, Flor-

ence and Marie, the former at home, the latter attending school in Toledo. Mrs. Losee is a member of St. Rose Catholic Church.

Fraternally Mr. Losee is a Knight Templar. He is interested in a number of successful business enterprises of the city, being on the board of directors of The Metropolitan Bank of Lima and The Crystal Ice & Coal Company, and is a stockholder in the home telephone company.





















